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Building Blocks to a Family Legacy

By Mick Colageo

Those close to Christian Bertram know he is good at a lot of stuff, but if the nation winds up finding that out, it will be because of the mad skills he and his wife Amanda have recently displayed in the world of Legos.

"I had a Lego collection from childhood. My parents always bought me sets.... I had a passion for architecture," said Christian, whose father was a carpenter and whose mother was an oil partner, "so I got a little bit from both ends. They saw I had a passion for it and was pretty good at it."

Growing up in Mattapoisett, Christian went to college for a year to study architecture but had to come home when his father became ill. His father passed away when Christian was 18 years old, and only recently, he also lost his mother. Along the way, Christian became a certified line-clearance arborist, an independent contractor, and a graphic designer.

"When I met Amanda — we've been together 12 years — I had kind of forgotten about (Legos), and my family had it all stashed away," said Christian. "It was one of those winter activities that we could do in a small apartment. I was really surprised that she liked it so much."

"It's a little time consuming, the first time you do a build, the collaboration of everything," said Amanda. "The small builds take an hour, maybe."

What really caught Christian off guard was the realization that Amanda is a natural.

"At first, we would just buy each other sets, and there were instructions," he explained. Amanda wanted to build something on her own and wasn't very far along when Christian saw that "she knew what she was doing. There are different levels of skill when you look at [city design]. Her first build was very advanced as far as the level of build.... I like to feed her creativity and creative

side."

"That was one of the things that Christian was surprised about is I was like, 'Let's keep going,'" said Amanda, who took it upon herself to, shall we say, procure more Legos.

In between yard sale seasons, Amanda scours Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist for deals, explaining that "not every single brick is Lego" and that there are Mega Blok and Duplo pieces that are compatible with Legos.

"My mom is also a yard sale lady, so any kind of Lego bins, my mom is super supportive of this, she thinks it's the coolest thing," she said. "My mom's pretty good at picking out good ones. She knows what to get."

Christian's mother Christine kept her oil paintings in a fourth-floor space at the Hatch Street Studios in the north end of New Bedford but having fallen ill around the time she moved her work into the studio, she never got to enjoy it.

"I have all her oil paintings on display; I've been trying to frame her paintings. She had a massive

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On the Cover: A city of Lego building blocks put together piece by piece by Rochester husband-wife team of Christian and Amanda Bertram stands assembled at the Hatch Studios in New Bedford. The Bertrams, who have been interviewed for a potential spot on the Fox TV show *Lego Masters*, will display their work in an Open Studios event at Hatch Studios on February 20-21. Photo courtesy Amanda Bertram

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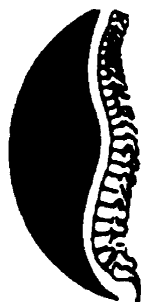
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collection of paintings and art supplies and antiques, everything you could imagine," said Christian, who realized an opportunity to use the space to display his and Amanda's works.

The idea to build a city was the product of smaller projects. "We did a few versions, first on one sheet of plywood because we had a lot of separate buildings," said Christian, who figured why not try to make it all relate, "so when they did Open Studios, we could have something to show off ourselves?"

Showing off was never part of their motivation, but thanks to a post on Reddit, an Instagram account, and a sudden splash of publicity from as far away as WBZ Radio in Boston, the couple is now recognized when they are out to eat.

"It's been unbelievable. I never expected one small interview to turn into all this," said Amanda.

"We haven't really been promoting ourselves," said Christian. "It's just something we did."

Imagine what it will be like if the Bertrams are selected to participate in the second season of Lego Masters, the Fox show based on a British reality-TV competition of the same name in which two-person teams try to outperform one another with an unlimited number of Legos. The Bertrams awaits that news, but received a message from a casting director, then interviewed for the show on a Zoom video call. The show will be recorded this year in Atlanta and aired in 2021.

"Obviously, there are thousands of people.... I like to think we're good, but there are so many great Lego artists," said Amanda. "We never considered entering until we got this message."

If this Lego-loving nation doesn't get to see Christian's and Amanda's city of blocks, South Coast residents have their own opportunity on February 20-21 when the Bertrams will participate in Hatch's Open Studio from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Their work is located in Studio 405B. Perhaps some viewers of the Bertrams' art will catch the bug and go build their own Lego city.

"You really can't get it wrong," said Amanda, "that's the best part."

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Black History Month Contest

By Mick Colageo

Tri-Town Against Racism's Creative Expression Contest to celebrate February as Black History Month stems from the source.

"We thought of the theme based on listening to the students. They feel like Black history really isn't taught at the schools," said Alison Noyce, the vice president of Tri-Town Against Racism, who is encouraged by what's been submitted. "We already have an entry that's a piece of art that's stunning. We're excited about the contest; it seems to have some good buzz in the schools."

Students in Grades 7-12 either living in or attending school in the Tri-Town are encouraged to participate against a deadline set for February 21 at midnight. Submissions can come in the form of an essay, poetry, a piece of art, song, dance, short film, or any creative and original expression embracing the theme "Beyond Martin and Rosa."

In considering a creative expressions contest, the

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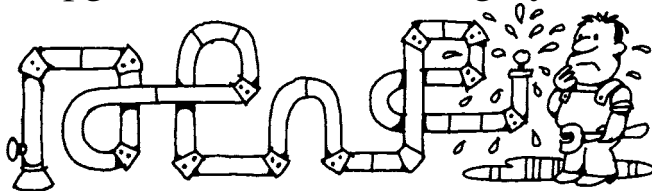
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truth emerged that not all students express themselves through writing, so Tri-Town Against Racism's leadership opened the contest to several creative platforms.

"Let's get kids interpreting [Black History Month] the way they wish it were taught," said Noyce.

In contemplating what Black History Month often looks like in schools, the organization's members envisioned many whitewashed tributes to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks.

"Not that they shouldn't be celebrated but celebrated in a [different way]," said Noyce, who pointed out that Parks didn't happen to be riding the bus one day and decide in the moment that she wouldn't relinquish her seat for a white person. "She was an activist; it was a deliberate, planned protest."

Similarly, she believes that the popular quotes and carefully selected video clips of King's speeches only expose young learners to lofty ideals and miss his deep connection and resolution about what was happening where the rubber met his roads.

"For a lot of people today, they would not have liked him," she said. "We want the kids to really dig in, just go a little deeper. Maybe find something that's not as comfortable for people to hear."

As an example, Noyce pointed to King's words identifying the less aggressive parts of society that say kind things but subtly, even unwittingly, ensure the stagnation of efforts for true change.

Acknowledging the recent influence that Tri-Town Against Racism has had with the Old Rochester Regional School District, Noyce recognizes that it will take significant time before curriculum sees the effect of the school district's overtly anti-racist stance.

"I do have confidence, and I also think it will take time. It takes time to change the curriculum at the school," said Noyce, who is happy to see ORR explicitly address racism with its anti-racism resolution, anti-racism policy in its student handbook, and professional development for its faculty and administration. Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson, she said, "jumped in with both feet partnering with Tri-Town Against Racism, working together, something we hadn't seen before. They have a

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In creating this Creative Expression Contest for students, Tri-Town Against Racism intends to grow its educational arm just as it has in creating community libraries and exposing students to books that mirror the diversity in the world.

Entries will be judged by Tri-Town Against Racism's leadership team and three community members selected by the organization. The winners will be announced on Sunday, February 28, at 4:00 pm on Tri-Town Against Racism's Facebook page. Cash prizes will be awarded; 1st Prize is \$200, 2nd Prize is \$100, and 3rd Prize is \$50.

Noyce said that Tri-Town Against Racism hopes this can become an annual event.

The content limits are no more than 1,000 written words and no more than five minutes of audio or video. Send entries to tritownagainstracism@gmail.com by February 21 at midnight.

Delayed Opening for New Bike Path Bridge

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

The much anticipated new Mattapoisett bike path Phase 1b with a bridge spanning from Reservation Road to Goodspeed Island will not open in time for the warmer seasons, it was announced at the February 9 meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen.



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Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo told the board that during a recent discussion with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, he was informed that the opening date of the new bike path section was pushed back until November 2021. He said that, while the contractor D.W. White will do everything it can to carve off weeks from the new opening date, as things presently stand, there are no guarantees. Lorenzo said the Massachusetts Department of Transportation cited weather delays, material imperfections, and the problems associated with the pandemic as reasons for the delay. "White will push hard to get the project done," Lorenzo said, adding, "barring other delays."

Selectman Jordan Collyer voiced concern that the parking area on Depot Street currently being used by the contractor to store equipment and materials is an area the town needs during the summer season for parking, especially for boaters who depend on the trailer spaces in the lot. More than half of the municipal parking area is currently fenced off. "They are going to have to truncate their usage; we need to recapture as much parking as possible," Collyer stated.

Selectman Paul Silva asked Lorenzo if the contractor could focus on completing at least one stretch, such as from Reservation Road to Mattapoisett Neck Road, that could then be opened in advance of the full project's completion. Lorenzo said he'd look into that with MassDOT.

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Collyer commented, "I don't want DOT to come back saying they can't bifurcate the contract, but you know that's what they'll probably do."

Returning to update the selectmen were members of VHB, the consulting firm previously admonished during the January 26 selectmen's meeting for its poor communications regarding the 25 percent engineering needed by the town to file for grants associated with roadway improvements on Main, Water, and Beacon Streets.

At the earlier meeting, Jamie Pisano said, "We are midway through 25 percent." That hadn't set well, especially with the selectmen. Collyer told Pisano, "We thought we were almost there." He said that VHB had

not informed the board of slowing down the project, adding, "I wasn't in favor of you, to begin with." Collyer reminded Pisano that he had aired concerns about VHB's ability to deliver on time based on problems experienced during Phase 1 of the bike path.

Pisano said that when the design got to 10 percent, it came to light that the project was pushed off from the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program to 2025. Silva said, "But you didn't tell anybody."

Now VHB was back with updated timing. "We are completely committed to the town," Pisano began. He said that VHB now plans to have all necessary documents prepared no later than the end of March. He also said that bi-weekly reports would be forwarded to keep the town informed of the company's progress.

Also meeting with the selectmen was Library Director Jennifer Jones to review the department's FY22 budget proposal. After presenting figures that were lean except for contractual agreements with employees, she gave an overview of the services the library has been able to maintain during the lockdown. Jones' graphic showed that there are 5,253 current cardholders and that 25,145 items had been checked out of the library thus far in FY21. Her FY22 budget, as presented, is at \$549,248, just over 3 percent from FY21. Silva asked her to trim about \$2,000 from the bottom line to get closer to 2 percent.

After discussing the need to include roof repairs in the operating budget under ongoing maintenance as opposed to a Capital Planning expense, Jones was lauded by the selectmen for her professionalism and overall high performance during the pandemic. Collyer and Selectman John DeCosta said that residents had "nothing but good things to say" about her work at the library.

The pandemic was discussed, as Lorenzo told the board that the lottery system employed by the town was working well and that vaccines had been administered to the first 100 residents selected. He cautioned that Public Health Nurse Emily Field had not received notification of when the next 100 doses would be shipped but that applications can continue to be dropped off at the police station.

On February 3, the selectmen announced the

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Residents may also seek assistance with the process by calling the library, Council on Aging, or the Board of Selectmen's Office. Full details are available on the town's website, Mattapoissett.net.

Lorenzo encouraged residents to register with the state for appointments at one of the mass vaccination sites. He said that transportation would be provided through the COA for residents unable to drive themselves.

Silva asked if the town should be calling senior citizens age 75 and older to make sure they get a vaccine if they want one. "We need to get that group taken care of," he said. Lorenzo said that Field knew the names of all those who are homebound while stating, "I implore the public to go to the state website (mass.gov)." Lorenzo also said that a hotline was being set up to help residents get the answers they need to questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

Rounding out his pandemic comments, Lorenzo said that the governor had increased the number of customers who could be in a restaurant to 40 percent of capacity while at the same time keeping a restriction on the number of people permitted in a private gathering to 10 inside a building and 25 outside.

Lorenzo also announced that a job opening for a new Tri-Town veterans' agent had opened. He said any



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The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, at 6:30 pm.

FinCom Gets Look at FY22 Budget

Marion Finance Committee

By Mick Colageo

The day after Town Administrator Jay McGrail presented Marion's Fiscal Year 2022 budget to the Board of Selectman, he met with the Finance Committee on February 3 to do the same, and the message was consistent. Department heads were asked to present a level-services budget.

"This is not where we started. A lot of departments came in with requests that didn't make it to you guys," said McGrail, noting that the town is starting to see the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic in FY21 in the recent form of staff furloughs and targeted hiring freezes.

Finance Director Judy Mooney shared several graphics and excerpts from the budget line items with the committee.

Projected revenues in Marion for FY22 are 80 percent based on the projected tax levy of \$20,466,664.

Schools are expected to take up over \$12 million of the FY22 budget or 48 percent.

While McGrail proposed an FY22 budget that

projects a 3.55 percent increase with acknowledgment of a \$170,000 deficit that must be worked through, he noted that the increase is 2.3 percent without adding the schools. If one were to remove the expenses associated with the Benson Brook Transfer Station and curbside trash collection, the overall increase for FY22 would be 1.6 percent.

"I think that really speaks to where we are as a town," said McGrail.

The town hopes to balance the Benson Brook budget via the sale of stickers to Rochester residents.

McGrail reported \$630,000 in available funds, with schools taking up \$572,000 or 91 percent. He said he met on February 1 with the school administration and was waiting while "they work on a new budget number as they help us balance the budget."

Finance Committee member Shay Assad opened the meeting in the absence of Chairman Peter Winters, who joined the Zoom call later. Assad said it was premature to discuss school budgets without revised figures.

Marion has gone from dependence on \$400,000 in free cash two years ago to \$350,000 last year and is proposing \$300,000 for FY22.

Benson Brook transfer station is open two days a week now, and curbside collection is now in a five-year contract with SEMASS after Marion's departure from the Carver Marion Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District. The new cost has been absorbed into the tax levy without an override.

In his overview, McGrail told FinCom he hopes to bring in department heads for meetings leading up to a March 3 joint meeting with the schools.

The committee first heard from Capital Planning Improvements Committee Chairman Paul Naiman, who explained the workings of the CIPC and shared its rankings of the town's 20 capital projects.

Capital projects are defined by anything that costs \$10,000 or more and has a life of five or more years. The CIPC does not approve projects but creates a ranked list for the consideration of McGrail, Mooney, FinCom, and the selectmen. CIPC's 10-point rating scale is based on town priority, regulatory needs, public safety, lower costs, funding sources, and useful life. All committee members score each project.

Naiman reported over 20 projects had been put before the CIPC totaling \$1,400,000. Schools accounted for seven projects, including two at Old Rochester Regional senior or junior high schools and four at Sippican School. Naiman noted that the ORR track rehabilitation project did not make it onto the other Tri-Towns' two Town Meeting warrants. This year, Naiman invited Mattapoisett and Rochester schools to go through the projects together. "This year, hopefully, we won't see that again," he said.

Marion's Department of Public Works accounts for five capital projects.

FinCom member John Menzel offered a

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compliment to the CIPC for its effort.

McGrail told the committee that department heads were requested only to bring projects forward that could be applied to this year. "So, these projects are critical this year and need to be addressed," he said.

New Chief of Police Richard Nighelli received credit from McGrail for limiting his requests to those he thought were most important. McGrail also noted that a number of staff positions in the DPW are unfilled at the present time. Marion is looking to fill a mechanic's position. Winters suggested limiting the number of staff hires. McGrail said Recreation Department Director Jody Dickerson has been doing an outstanding job in helping the DPW staff.

Outsourcing trash pickup with Waste Management has been met with resounding approval from budget and aesthetics standpoints.

Mooney said pensions are a driving force, estimating it to account for one of the biggest pieces of the general fund other than the school.

Water enterprise is projected to see a slight decrease in the overall budget for FY22, but sewer enterprise takes a big jump as the town has incurred new debt for the lagoon cleanup project. The town is recommending trying to control sewer rates with a \$200,000 general-fund subsidy from free cash. Marion has certified \$1.6 million in free cash to support the sewer enterprise fund and offset the increase.

Selectman John Waterman cautioned against the idea, saying that once the town dips into free cash, "There's no going back. We really have to think twice before we commit.... We stop doing it, and rates shoot way up," he said. "Once we plug that into the budget this year, we have to do it every year."

McGrail said residents have formed lines outside of the Town House to complain about their bills. "We've heard it from the community," he said. "If we don't do this, we're looking at another 20 percent (rate) increase."

Mooney said that Marion looks at a five-year average on usage. "Those dry years tend to spike it," she said.

Winters asked if the Sewer Department's estimated budget includes an estimated increase for borrowing the extra \$2 million for removing the extra sludge from the lagoon, but McGrail said the town does not have a hard number on that expense. Mooney said the town would assume debt in FY23. McGrail said that debt would not be the only solution, calling it "just one piece of the puzzle."

The budget schedule tentatively includes a February 24 FinCom meeting with CIPC, a March 3 FinCom meeting with the schools, and an April 13 submission of the warrant to the printer.

Assad said, "Jay and Judy have both done a great job. It was a lot of work and a lot of preparation." Winters and member Charlie Larkin added their thanks, and



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Winters also noted the DPW did a great job with snow removal.

The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 pm.

Cove Street Delineation Accepted

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission


By Marilou Newell

Two parcels located along the barrier beach at Cove Street adjacent to Pine Island Pond cleared at least one hurdle in the process of being approved for development when the application for an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation was accepted during the February 8 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission.

Representing Pam Spooner, trustee for the Martin Family Trust, Bob Field of Field Engineering came before the commission and stated that the two parcels were being evaluated for potential development opportunities. He noted that a sewer connection would also be pursued, and if granted, that would further position the parcels for development.

Field described the coastal-dune line, salt marshes, and an annual high-tide report as part of the submittal documents. "Tonight, we are looking to lock in the resource areas," he told the commission. Field also pointed out that a Department of Environmental

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Protection filing did not produce any comments from that agency. Conservation Agent Liz Leidhold added to the discussion, saying she agreed with the delineation as prepared by engineer Bob Gray on behalf of Field. The commissioners concurred and accepted the report as submitted.

A Request for Determination of Applicability received a negative determination when applicant Stephen Vaitses, of 5 Dyer Road and also represented by Field, had his case opened. The RDA was filed so that a 20- by 40-foot garage addition may be built on an existing home site.

Daniel and Kimberlee Nashold's Notice of Intent filing was represented by David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone to construct a single-family, four-bedroom home planned for Snow Fields Road. Leidhold questioned some clearing that had taken place along a stream in the area. Davignon reported that that work had been done by the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Services; as such, it was not jurisdictional to the commission's oversight. The filing was continued until February 22.

The Notice of Intent filed by Blue Wave Solar, known as BWC Mill Pond, 61 Long Plain Road, for an access roadway into a property located in Acushnet, was conditioned. Returning to the commission for the fourth time was Rich Ricco of Field Engineering with plan modifications as requested by the commission at previous

meetings. Satisfied that the plans now encompassed earlier questions about the changes proposed to an existing dirt roadway, the project was conditioned.

A Notice of Intent filed by Alexander Bauer, 7 Nashawena Road, brought out several abutters as the filing was reopened for review. Represented by Douglas Schneider of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, the application is to reconstruct a single-family home. Schneider presented updated plans that took into consideration earlier comments from abutters, such as modifications to the stormwater system and a reduction in the size of a planned driveway.

Chairman Mike King stated that "It would behoove us to take two weeks, along with the abutters, to review this [an]) maybe build consensus on the project." He urged abutters to reach out directly to Schneider with their questions and concerns. The filing was continued until February 22.

A partial Certificate of Compliance was issued to MMT Management for two lots located on Split Rock Lane to "facilitate a property sale," King said.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for February 22 at 6:30 pm.

MRC Begins Full-Scale Aquaculture Review

Marion Marine Resources Commission

By Mick Colageo

Monday night's Zoom meeting of the Marion Marine Resources Commission removed any doubt that the applications received by the town for the aquaculture grants forfeited last year by Shea Doonan will not yield a grant in time to farm in 2021.

"I already feel it's too late for this year. It was [too late] a month ago; it's definitely too late now," said Harbormaster Isaac Perry, alluding to the vetting process that needs anywhere from 60 to 120 days just to pass through the Board of Selectmen and state and federal agencies.

Weeks ago, Marion's selectmen requested that the MRC update the town's rules and regulations for aquaculture to necessarily include stipulations to protect





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the town from absorbing future cleanup costs like the estimated \$11,000 it incurred in the aftermath of Doonan's sites.

"I hate to bring Shea Doonan back into it, but Shea was green coming into it.... We didn't set him up for success," said Deputy Harbormaster/Shellfish Officer Adam Murphy. "He was green in the industry ... and we had to go clean it up."

Amidst his report to the MRC on eight points of discussion that formulate a basis from which to revise the rules, regulations, and vetting process for future aquaculture applicants, Murphy said he takes it personally that Marion was not adequately prepared for the events that transpired leading up to the absorption of that cost and the position the town is now in trying to update policies that date back to 1996.

To that end, he presented eight topics borne of his research of Marion's regulations against those from several surrounding marine life communities. MRC membership discussed and debated the details of the eight topics for over two hours, and Perry supplemented Murphy's report with comments and answers to inform specific discussions coming from MRC members.

A key request made by the selectmen is the requirement of business liability insurance on the part of an applicant and the inclusion of a bond that a licensee would post that the selectmen deem sufficient to cover the potential cost of removal of gear and product if necessary

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and site restoration. Murphy's suggestion requires the applicant to obtain three written quotes for a potential third-party cleanup.

"We know that a half-acre site is around \$10,000 or \$11,000 to clean up. (Outside vendor's) rates are going to be higher than \$25 per hour per man," said Murphy, who said he will research the cost that applicants face to procure and/or renew such a bond. "It's on risk. What's the probability of this having to be cleaned up? It's like an insurance policy, if you will."

Murphy looked into the regulations used by surrounding towns, including Mattapoisett and Fairhaven but also as far up the south shore as and far down the Cape as Wellfleet, where applicants must be at least 18

years old, be a resident, and have 3-4 years of experience in that community with shellfish. "I think that's very important," said Murphy of the local-experience component.

Another clause addressed the removal of damaged gear or equipment.

Using Wellfleet as a model, Murphy proposed the addition of eligibility requirements augmenting age (18 years-old minimum) and residency (Marion or Rochester per a long-standing legal agreement) with the stipulation that applicants put forth documents proving three years of experience. "I want to see that detailed plan on how you plan to put your gear in the water," he said. It would also include a five-year business plan and a letter from an existing grant holder. Documented education could add more weight.

Another practice in Wellfleet that was debated is what happens when a previously established grant becomes available. Should there be a waiting list or a lottery? Perry pointed out that there is nothing in Marion's bylaws preventing one person from holding the license of up to five sites. Perry and MRC Chairman Vin Malkoski agreed that it's a simpler award process to go case by case.

In another measure, the Board of Selectmen would have the right in a public hearing compliant with Open Meeting Law to declare a time-specific moratorium on license approvals.

A low-number item that started the discussion and sparked lengthy debate was Murphy's first topic, a non-refundable \$100 application fee, up from \$50, that prospective aquaculture applicants would submit. According to Perry, the fee would be more in line with other licensing fees in Marion.

Scott Cowell, the lone active shellfish farmer currently sitting on the commission, advocated on behalf of the fishermen, especially in light of pandemic-related economic struggles.

Several other topics were addressed by Murphy, including a 15-day limit on the cleanup of any gear, tackle, or other equipment that leaves the licensed area and winds up on public or private land before the town would

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Malkoski, who suggested that updates change the language from "shellfish" to "marine organisms" in order to work more in line with the state agencies and achieve the same control over the farming of kelp, supported stricter standards and more-reliable vetting of the experience and educational prerequisites for aquaculture applicants. "Aquaculture's hard enough to be successful at," he said. "It's worthwhile to make sure they know what they're doing."

Marion resident Andrew Bonney, who is not an MRC member, was given permission to speak and offered some perspective based on his experience as a vice president with Cape Air's commercial side and prior work for American Airlines. Bonney said one lesson he was taught is, "Don't let your worst customers dictate your business.... The vast majority, 99 percent, I enjoyed working with.... I encourage you to have a light touch."

The next regular meeting of the MRC is scheduled for Monday, February 22, and a special meeting will be scheduled for March 8 dedicated exclusively to the aquaculture application process.

Business Expansion Subject to Two Boards

Rochester Planning Board

By Matthew Donato

Robert Ferreira of ILC Development LLC came before the Rochester Planning Board on February 9 to begin an informal discussion on his plans for a potential expansion of his business.

According to Ferreira, new regulations in place due to COVID-19 have resulted in a need for increased office space at his place of business. In order to safely distance his employees from one another, Ferreira is hoping to convert some of his vehicle bays into new office space. He is also hoping to expand the bays that will not be allocated for new office space.

Ferreira came before the Planning Board in order to determine what steps he needs to take to gain the town's approval for his project. Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson informed Ferreira that the scope of his proposal requires approval from both the Rochester



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Ferreira informed board members that he would work with the ZBA and provide a detailed engineering plan to the board members. Johnson agreed that a detailed engineering plan would be necessary to determine what proposed work falls under board jurisdiction.

ZBA Chairman David Arancio joined the Planning Board meeting to discuss the granting of a variance for a lot located on Pine Street. The owner of the lot is hoping to construct a home there but is lacking the required frontage to receive approval for construction.

Johnson explained that the lot only has 16 feet of frontage, which is drastically below the town's

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regulations. Board member Ben Bailey explained that the limited frontage could be hazardous, as fire trucks and ambulances would have limited access to the site.

In addition to safety hazards, Johnson noted that granting a variance for the site would set a precedent. If the ZBA were to grant a variance for the frontage figure so far off of Rochester's established regulations, it would essentially undermine those regulations. Johnson's ultimate concern was that the granting of such a variance would make it difficult to enforce zoning regulations in the future.

Planning Board members agreed and voted to draft a letter to the ZBA recommending that its members reject the request for a variance.

The next Rochester Planning Board meeting is set to be held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday, February 23, at 7:00 pm.

Highway Surveyor Will Not Seek Reelection

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

On February 4, during the meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee, Highway Surveyor Barry Denham announced he would not be running for reelection.

Denham has been the go-to-person at the Highway Department for the last 15 years. Prior to his current position at the Highway Department, Denham



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A lifelong resident of Mattapoisett, Denham, long before he tossed his hat in the ring for the various committee and board positions, owned and operated a construction business with his father. He told *The Wanderer*, "I'm not a porch sitter, and I don't play golf," indicating that he'll continue to turn his hand in the family business. Denham is also the veteran's agent for the Tri-Town, another position from which he will be stepping away.

Denham has for many years been a dedicated member of the American Legion. He said he was drafted into the Army in 1969 during the Vietnam War, where he served honorably. His comment on that period of his life was characteristically understated: "I saw as much war as I wanted to."

In considering the years he served as the highway surveyor, Denham said he is especially proud of the "crew" at the department and the numerous contributions the department has made. While acknowledging that the past year has been difficult and "depressing," with many projects temporarily shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic, an avalanche of work awaits on the horizon.

Beyond the day-to-day responsibilities of municipal landscaping, trash pick-up, beach care, snow plowing, road grading, and even the laying of commemorative bricks, Denham said that grants amounting to more than \$1.7 million have been secured for a variety of projects, some waiting in the wings and some moving forward in the near term. Those presently moving forward include a study of Mattapoisett Neck Road's climate resiliency and culvert improvements and repairs, installation of flashing traffic signage along North Street, Acushnet Road bridge repairs, a sidewalk from the



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bike path to Route 6 along Mattapoisett Neck Road, and improvements near the bike path at Brandt Island Road such as parking. Other projects the Highway Department will be involved with include improvements to Industrial Drive and sidewalks along upper Pearl Street. "I'll be leaving behind lots of work," Denham said.

When asked if he had any parting comments for his successor, Denham said, "I hope they have as much success as I did and enjoy it as much as I have."

Regarding the presentation of his 14th budget for fiscal year 2022, Denham will have to return to the Finance Committee. He said that the coming year would be challenging before saying that the part-time secretarial position allotted to the department is insufficient for the tasks at hand. "We need a full-time secretary," he said. Denham also suggested changes to the department's work crew that included "elevating someone to work as foreman." This latter position, he said, would help a new surveyor manage projects.

Finance Committee Chairman Pat Donoghue asked how the renovations were going at the town barn. Denham responded that not much had taken place thus far. Donoghue said, "This has been going on for six years. You beg for the money, we give it to you, and nothing happens." Denham said that architectural drawings had not yet been received. Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo interjected, saying, "This is on me; we have bid documents, so you'll see movement in the next few



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weeks. Lorenzo said that construction would be phased. Donoghue said her primary concern is the safety of the employees.

Rounding out his comments, Denham said that a new sidearm mower was listed on the Capital Planning spreadsheet to replace one that had broken. The estimated cost is \$84,000.

Denham also reported, when Donoghue asked, that the Highway Department is responsible for maintenance of the bike path, including mowing, snow removal, brush trimming, and rubbish collection. He said that the current mile-long span costs the town 346 employee hours per year. He told Donoghue, "Do the math," when asked how much the newer portion would



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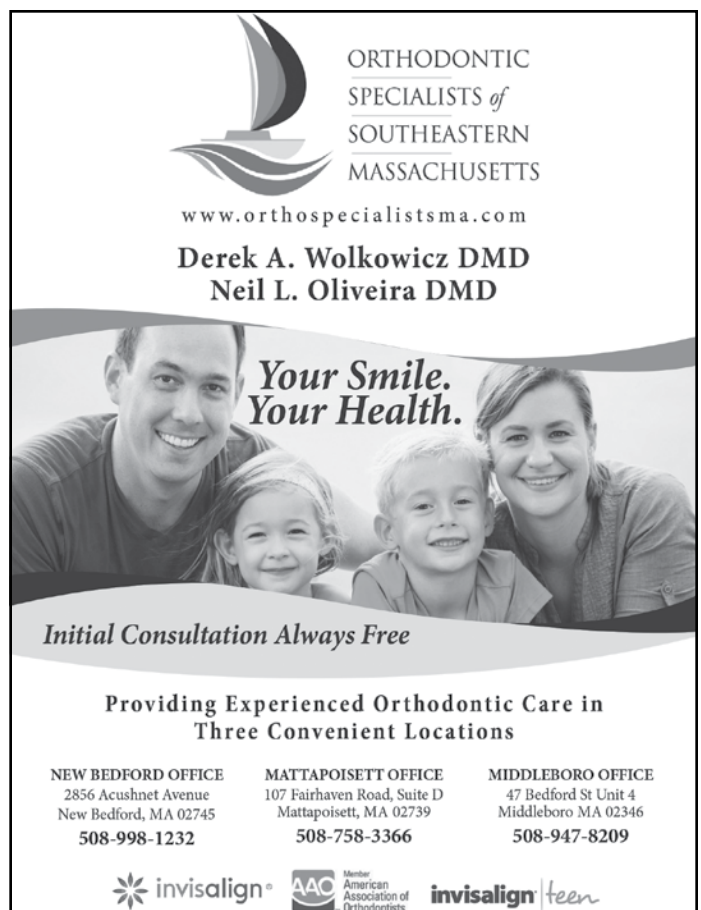
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Donoghue also asked about licensures for those crew members operating equipment that requires special certification. "No one is operating equipment without a license," Denham began. He said that due to the pandemic, some classes were not held; thus, employees could not take necessary courses toward obtaining licenses. He said that the town pays for certification courses. It was noted that those costs also did not appear on the budget. Donoghue said that Denham should plan on returning to the committee with more details. The Highway Department's six-month actuals for FY21 are \$334,364 with a preliminary FY22 budget of \$765,250.

Meeting with the committee for the first time was Library Director Jennifer Jones, who said her budget projection was level-funded to 2.3 percent and noted several Capital Planning line items such as carpet replacement, telephone systems, roof restorations, and window replacement. The library's FY21 six-month actuals are \$254,791, with a preliminary FY22 budget request of \$549,248.

Regarding the pandemic's impact on circulation numbers, Jones said that there had been a substantial drop by as much as 50 percent. She said it was difficult to get the word out to people that most library services were still available, even though the building itself was closed to the public. "We are providing side-door service," she said with a chuckle.

Since July 2020, Jones said the library had served 3,729 of 5,253 cardholders with 3,396 followers on Facebook. She also said that the library was still loaning out enrichment items such as baking pans, fishing poles, sewing machines, hot pots, and snowshoes. A full list of all materials available can be found on the library's website, she said. Jones also assured the committee that all loaned items, including books and tapes, are decontaminated per guidelines.

Also briefly meeting with the FinCom was Police Chief Mary Lyons. The Police Department FY21 six-month actuals were reported as \$1,061,362 with a preliminary FY22 budget request of \$2,345,028. Lyons said

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that a cruiser is on the FY22 budget plan and another on the Capital Planning spreadsheet. A third cruiser will also be replaced after an accident rendered it inoperable. She said insurance would cover approximately \$52,000 for the replacement.

In other business, Donoghue said she had recently met with the Mattapoissett School Committee, and while everything was at a preliminary stage, she was surprised to learn they had removed Bristol County Agricultural High School costs from the budget. She said she could not pinpoint the reasoning behind such a move, one that would place those costs in a separate warrant article versus part of an overall school budget. Committee member Paul Amoruso declared, "No! It doesn't make any sense."

Lorenzo said of Bristol Aggie expenses, "They are also trying to charge us \$1,000 per student for their building debt," a move he believed was inappropriate given that Mattapoissett had no say in the decision to take on the debt.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Finance Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, at 4:00 pm.

MOSAC May Never Top Grassi Bog

Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

By Mick Colageo

The news that cars were pulling into the recently

improved parking area at Grassi Bog was inspiring to Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission Chairman John Rockwell, who shook off Vice Chairman Alan Harris's report that the area "is getting a little muddy and dug up."

Harris told MOSAC members during their February 4 Zoom meeting that he had called up Jonathan Cote with National Resource Conservation Service, the inspector for the Wetland Reserve Program, and "wanted to make sure we had permission to do things. He was not wild about putting gravel there." The obvious concern is that sediment doesn't wash down into the bog, but Harris said the gravel had hardened up.

To lend the story some context, Rockwell shared a brief history of Grassi Bog with the story of how MOSAC was just starting out when Betsy Grassi went to the commission about planting a bog on Route 6. According to Rockwell, the land had been appraised at \$200,000 and sold to MOSAC for \$72,000.

Things got better as they got worse, as nine water-control structures on the property began to fail within a few years, all of them needing repair. But MOSAC had no full-time employee to do the work of adjusting water levels or making the necessary repairs. MOSAC reached out to the National Resource Conservation Service, an arm of the US Department of Agriculture. The agency gave MOSAC \$60,000 to turn the bog into a wildlife area.

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has to go through them and be compatible with what that \$60,000 was all about," recalled Rockwell. "It lowered our cost from \$72,000 to \$12,000 – pretty good deal for 30-plus acres, and the property hadn't been properly surveyed or marked."

The federal government did those chores and drew up a plan to fix the water-control structures to maintain the bog as an emergent marsh. When the plan failed, NRCS came back at its own cost to draw up more plans. "Our out of pocket is still \$12,000," said Rockwell. "It's a great walk and a great financial deal for the town."

Harris called the land "quite diverse" with "a lot of birds there in the winter."

Unfinished business relating to Grassi Bog



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includes an unwanted culvert made up of a black tube measuring 42 inches in diameter and 26 feet long. "We want someone to take it off our hands," said Rockwell, who thought he had an arrangement several years ago with the Marion Department of Public Works. "Five years later, we offered it to neighboring wetland projects – still there."

The Hoff Property Conservation Restriction was sent by Marion's Board of Selectmen to Allen Decker at the Buzzards Bay Coalition, which technically owns the property. Rockwell said he was not clear if MOSAC signatures were on the CR. Jim Bride of the Sippican Lands Trust made an amendment to the baseline survey. Rockwell said he does not consider that to be a holdup.

Rockwell reported on a visit to Little Neck Village, where rocks and a sign needed to be moved to comply with the National Heritage & Endangered Species Program that requires all bounds of the Conservation Restriction to be permanently marked. Harris noted that some residents think the sign is too large. Rockwell explained that the CR was required in return for a permit to build Little Neck Village.

In a brief Point Road Path Update, Rockwell said he and MOSAC member Jeff Oakes made a list of items that the DPW wanted checked out. Rockwell appealed to the public for help if there are any engineers and surveyors who can donate an hour or two of their time. MOSAC Vice Chairman Alan Harris asked if MOSAC can advertise for such assistance, and Rockwell said he would look into it.

MOSAC broke into an executive session to discuss a land acquisition and did not return to open session.

The next meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission is scheduled for Thursday, March 4.

Affordability a Focal Point in Mattapoissett

Mattapoissett Master Plan Committee

By Marilou Newell

Now that the preliminary meetings have concluded and with eight separate sections of the

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outdated 2000 Master Plan to review, study and update, Mattapoisett's Master Plan Committee began the real work of identifying issues and making recommendations on Land Use, Housing, Economic Development, and Climate Resiliency during its February 3 meeting.

The members had previously selected their areas of interest to work on, but all attendees remained in the same virtual meeting room. This process granted each subcommittee the opportunity to share information and better inform their specific areas of interest. As Planning Board Chairman Tom Tucker pointed out, all the chapters affected one another and the final document.

Land Use was the first chapter discussed. Committee member Shirley Haley talked about modifying zoning bylaws, changes that might grant property owners the latitude to rent rooms in a shared living structure. While not specific to the Land Use Chapter, Haley's comments were aired and added. She also reported that, according to the Assessor's Office, there are 28 dwelling units with attached family-related apartments and 62 multi-family units. She also suggested looking at smaller lot sizes to construct smaller homes to ease senior housing needs.

Planning Board member Janice Robbins said that she had spoken to Water and Sewer Superintendent Henri Renauld, whose feedback was that current sewer capacity was rather limited. She also said that, while zoning changes were difficult, "denser housing units" might

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work. It was also commented that it would be important to ensure that any new rental units not be used as short-term vacation rentals. Mary Dermody asked that specific water and sewer data be secured to understand capacity issues better.

Tucker added to the discussion by saying that zoning setbacks had been changed to allow "zero-lot lines" needed for such housing units as condominiums.

Other areas discussed under Land Use included possible impact from the commuter rail expansion taking place now and increasing the number of mixed-use structures along Route 6.

Next up came the Housing chapter, during which Kate Haley (no relation to Shirley Haley) said that Mattapoisett has an aging population that would be looking to downsize affordably. She also said that it is important to consider how to attract young families to Mattapoisett, including 40B housing and lot-size modification for the construction of smaller, affordable family homes. Chrystal Walsh commented, "It's troubling to see a decrease in the number of households with children," making the point that housing is too expensive for many working families.

Kate Haley added to that sentiment, providing census data that showed a 44 percent decline in households with children and a population that is 52 percent over the age of 60.

Economic Development was explored next with Donna Shea asking the rhetorical question, "Why would a business come here?" as a stepping-off point. She said it might prove essential to promote the area's waterfront location, possibly drawing in more marine-based commerce. Shea also tossed out the idea of "entrepreneurial centers" where businesses could share space. Continuing with her brainstorming, Shea also thought that given the bike path's extension, Mattapoisett might become a destination with shops and eateries geared to the visitor. "Redevelop Route 6 with small shops like a Falmouth kind of place," she suggested.

Member Paul Criscuolo said he is currently using a shared workspace in New Bedford and concurred the concept could work in Mattapoisett. Dermody

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added, "People are leaving city centers to places like Mattapoisett, working remotely. Maybe a small conference center or business center would be a draw."

The last but certainly not least chapter discussed on this night was Climate Resiliency.

Robbins said that in materials she had read, Mattapoisett could lose up to 25 percent of its tax base, and Mattapoisett ranked number 7 in the commonwealth for its vulnerability to flooding. Stressing the point, Kate Haley said, "Every single thing could be impacted." Robin Lepore commented, "Eighty percent of our revenue comes from property taxes. A storm could impact the revenue stream. The town should be going after some serious grant monies to elevate walkways, for instance."

Carlos DeSousa said that one approach might be looking at short-term impacts from climate change, then long term impact. He used the example of groundwater rise and its effect on hydrostatic pressure below ground level.

Before closing out the meeting for the evening, Nathan Ketchel gave a brief report on the study taking place now on Mattapoisett Neck Road's resiliency, which will include recommendations for roadway improvements and culvert repairs. He said that one study demonstrated that the culverts are failing along the marshland stretch. He said the consultants would provide conceptual drawings on the types of improvements from which Mattapoisett Neck Road might benefit, including

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The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, at 6:30 pm; other chapters will be opened for discussion.

Water Treatment Future Coming into Focus

MRV Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee/District Commission

By Mick Colageo

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission faces a \$1 million decision on how to update its water-treatment facility, and the increasing sense is that its members have already decided it makes no sense to save that million knowing it will likely lead to much greater spending later.

Koch Separation Systems can either replace the nearly obsolete Targa II water-treating system presently operating in the MRV plant with a brand new, state-of-the-art Puron MP system or, for a limited time, provide the parts that would allow the MRV to kick the Targa II can down the road for as long as those parts shall last.

During the commission's February 9 Zoom meeting, MRV member Paul Silva asked Tata & Howard's Jon Gregory what numbers the MRV is looking to take

to Unibank for financing purposes. Gregory said that the report has been drafted and is undergoing quality control. The total project cost for a Targus (existing-system) upgrade is \$3,310,000, and the total project cost for a Puron MP (new-system) upgrade is \$4,410,000.

Meantime, the MRV voted to approve a plan to proceed toward a new municipal advisory agreement with Unibank. Rochester Town Counsel Blair Bailey said he wants to read the agreement before MRV signs off on a deal expected to cost \$3,500 per year.

Gregory will likewise review the Department of Environmental Protection-required PILOT-test proposal that Koch is putting together for the site.

In her Treasurer's Report to the commission, Marion DPW engineer Meghan Davis noted that January 2021 showed no invoices from Eversource, regularly one of the heavier billers to the MRV. Total invoices for the month were \$32,018.72, including total chemicals at \$12,971, maintenance and repair charges at \$8,712.46, and other invoices at \$9,181.16. Three invoices came from Tata & Howard for filter evaluation and replacement.

Beyond the Koch update, Gregory said that Tata & Howard is working on a Risk and Resilience Assessment including countermeasure costs and expects to have the draft report to the MRV in March. "These requirements are federal requirements," said Gregory.

Member Laurell Farinon relayed a report from Henri Renauld that said the Fairhaven Tinkham Lane plant is back online after the installation of a heater following a water leak in the Fairhaven well.

In the Water Protection Advisory Committee meeting that preceded the District Commission's, Chairman Vinnie Furtado read Jeff Furtado's Treasurer's Report, giving a February 1 ending balance of \$24,817.03.


The committee voted to authorize Furtado to write a letter approving Walter Hartley's proposed construction on Neck Road, subject to the approval of the Rochester Planning Board. Farinon noted that the lot bisects a cranberry bog. Member Rick Charon said, "The viability of these bogs is gone," and Bailey added, "You're going to see a lot more of these. I'm extremely surprised that we haven't seen people abandoning a lot of upland bogs."

After the committee authorized Tata & Howard to purchase a Levellogger not to exceed \$1,200, Gregory learned that the old model of Levelloggers was being discontinued. Citing the report of a new \$900 probe, the committee approved a plan to spend not over \$1,000 for the new model.

Under new business, Gregory displayed 2020 data graphs illustrating a seasonal commonality of drought across the region. Water levels in Marion's wells on New Bedford Road fell below the 25th elevation percentile for low-median groundwater levels as affected by the late-summer drought. But the level bounced back to the normal reference point by December. Other area wells showed similar progression. A corresponding

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chart displayed higher water-pumping activity during the late-summer months. Gregory intends to display the information quarterly.

The next meeting of the MRV Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee/District Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, at 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm.

Pause Couldn't Break Horan, Bulldogs

Sports Roundup

By Nick Friar

Although Old Rochester Regional girls basketball's regular-season record may indicate this season was an easy one for the Bulldogs, that was far from the case. The Bulldogs turned their season-opening three-game winning streak into an undefeated 7-0 regular season after they were forced to put things on pause and quarantine for seven days, missing two games in the process.

"I've looked forward to having a senior year and being a captain and help lead the team, but it kind of stinks being a short year," senior captain Meg Horan said. "I'm so happy to be able to play and at least have a senior season, but it's definitely bittersweet when it's coming to an end so quickly."

While ORR head coach Rick Regan played a large part in keeping his players together throughout the trying stretch, Horan also played a role. Even before the stoppage in play, the lone senior in the girls basketball

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program helped lay the foundation for the team as a group that could get through anything.

"She does a great job of continuing to be positive, continuing to keep communication with the players on the team, continuing to set the right example by being at practice and listening and just doing things the right way," Regan said. "Because she sets the example not only with her voice and positivity with her teammates but also by doing things the right way, she keeps everybody on track so that as a team we stay on track. I think that's really important."

Horan wasn't the ideal senior captain because that's what Regan needed her to be. Leadership came naturally, and someone who displays the leadership

that Horan has deserves a better finish than the pandemic has offered her and every other member of ORR's class of 2021. But instead of letting the situation consume her and her team, Horan made the best of the hand she was dealt.

In doing so, she also provided an example for eight junior-class teammates for whom she has high expectations heading toward next season.

"I'm really excited for them next year. Even though I won't be there, the team has a really strong roster, especially the eight juniors on the team. I'm really excited to see how far they go. Hopefully, they get to the state tournament — if we have that."

Horan's investment in her younger teammates is something that's been apparent to Regan from Day One.

"She means it. As I mentioned on Senior Night, one of the first emails I received from her when we started communication when I was hired was the fact that she had learned from people in the past like (ORR graduate) Mary Butler, who she was tapped in with, and how she wanted to make sure that the underclassmen had a good experience. She wanted to be the leader for them," Regan said. "When she says she cares about her teammates, she means it. She's not just trying to say something, and she performs it through her actions every day."

In the process, Horan also averaged 11 points and just over nine rebounds per night. She did it all in a regular season that, although not ideal in more than one way, ORR girls basketball made the most out of from start to finish.



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Sippican Reopens Full Time for K-2

Marion School Committee

By Jean Perry

The Marion School Committee on February 8 voted to reopen Sippican School to full-time in-person learning for Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2 beginning after the winter break on Monday, February 22.

The committee approved an action plan to prepare the school building for educating its early learners last month, and Sippican School Principal Marla Sirois briefed the committee last Monday on the resulting changes that will allow those students to return to school safely.

Sirois said the Kindergarten classrooms only

needed a few desks moved to allow students to remain in the same rooms that they currently occupy for hybrid learning. Both first-grade classrooms had to be moved, Sirois said, to two larger rooms — the school library and the band room. Second graders will also attend class in different rooms, one room that was made bigger by removing a partitioned wall and another more extensive classroom beside the Project Grow classroom. All the needed technology for Grade 2 is in place, she added, but some desks still need moving to the cafeteria for space for larger groups to meet and, potentially, for lunchtime.

"Safety remains the top priority," said Sirois. The school has added some plastic traffic cones to help delineate spaces and added additional floor markers to reinforce social distancing.

"We truly have tried to think of as many things as possible to make sure this goes smoothly," said Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson. "I'm proud to announce that Sippican School is ready to pivot."

Nelson said the school has been "transformed," bus routes have been established, and the food service staff is prepared for the influx of students.

"With the Board of Health, we are in support of bringing back the K-2 students," Marion Public Health Nurse Lori Desmarais told the committee. Although there have been some COVID-19 cases in the K-2 age group, Desmarais said, "We've seen that the transmission is more

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11:33 AM Learning Music with Pat
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11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday February 15, 2021

Tuesday February 16, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Recovery Fitness
8:30 AM Health Talk
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:30 AM You and Your Health
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Cape Conversation
11:33 AM Southcoast Matters
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Chundria Show
3:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
3:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
4:02 PM The Non-Profit World
4:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:10 PM Questions & Answers COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM A Conversation With...
7:00 PM Money Matters TV
7:30 PM The World Fusion Show
8:00 PM Racism in America
9:30 PM Science 360
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday February 17, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:30 AM Cape Conversation
10:03 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
11:30 AM Recovery Recreation TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM The World Fusion Show
4:00 PM Science 360
4:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:10 PM Questions & Answers COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM A Conversation With...
7:00 PM Registers Report
7:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
8:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Planning Board - February 1, 2021
8:14 AM Marion Board of Health - February 2, 2021
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission - January 27, 2021
10:36 AM Marion Finance Committee - February 3, 2021
12:30 PM ORR School Committee - January 20, 2021
2:40 PM Marion Board of Selectman - February 2, 2021
4:00 PM Marion Planning Board - February 1, 2021
5:14 PM Marion Board of Health - February 2, 2021
5:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission - January 27, 2021
7:36 PM Marion Finance Committee - February 3, 2021
9:30 PM ORR School Committee - January 20, 2021
11:40 PM Marion Board of Selectman - February 2, 2021

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - February 2, 2021
8:36 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - January 28, 2021

10:07 AM Rochester Planning Board - January 27, 2021
11:00 AM ORR School Committee - January 20, 2021
1:10 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - February 1, 2021
2:00 PM Rochester School Committee - January 21, 2021
4:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - February 2, 2021
5:36 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - January 28, 2021
7:07 PM Rochester Planning Board - January 27, 2021
8:00 PM ORR School Committee - January 20, 2021
10:10 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - February 1, 2021
11:00 PM Rochester School Committee - January 21, 2021

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 97

Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Marion COA Meditation - February 1, 2021
8:39 AM ORR Boys Freshman Basketball vs GNBV - January 15, 2021
10:00 AM Rochester COA Senior Medicare Patrol Program
10:30 AM ORR Boys Varsity Hockey vs Dartmouth - January 25, 2021
11:42 AM Sippican Lands Trust - Volunteer Day
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Women's Clothing in WWII
1:38 PM ORR Boys Varsity Basketball vs Wareham - January 19, 2021
2:44 PM ORR Girls Varsity Hockey vs Sandwich - January 23, 2021
4:00 PM ORR Girls Varsity Basketball vs Fairhaven - February 3, 2021
5:09 PM Mattapoisett Library Author Talk - Julia Kelly
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Boys Varsity Hockey vs Bourne - January 27, 2021
7:34 PM ORR Boys Varsity Basketball vs Wareham - January 19, 2021
8:40 PM ORR Girls Varsity Basketball vs Aponequet - January 15, 2021
10:00 PM ORR Boys Varsity Hockey vs Dartmouth - January 25, 2021
11:12 PM Sippican Lands Trust - Volunteer Day
11:30 PM Mattapoisett Library Author Talk - Julia Kelly

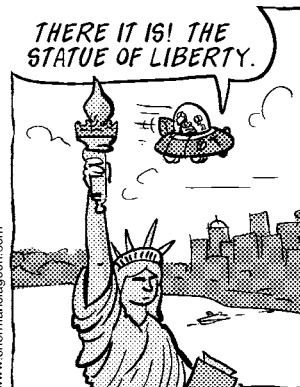
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON

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in the household and not in the school."

The committee voted to adopt a five-day schedule over the option for a four-day schedule, following the same decision made by Rochester and Mattapoisett already operating their in-person full-time K-2 programs.

Nelson said Marion waited until after the holidays and the anticipated COVID-19 surge before making its decision to reopen. There were no active COVID-19 cases linked to Sippican School as of press time.

"I hope everyone is excited about this — we are," said School Committee Chairman Michelle Smith. "I know people are nervous; it's not an easy decision."

According to Sirois, none of the parents of the current hybrid students have expressed concern about their children returning to full-time in-person learning, but added that none of the parents of fully remote learners had expressed a desire to switch to the full-time, in-person option either.

"I'm feeling very hopeful that this is going to be very successful for our students and our staff," said Smith.

The lines of communication should remain open, Smith added, emphasizing the importance.

"We are excited; this is a good thing," said Nelson. "I feel confident that the plan in place has been thoughtful and that we should be able to have a pretty seamless transition ..."

One parent asked via Zoom whether the district would consider soon welcoming Grades 3-6 back to full-time in-person learning.

"It's absolutely not off the table," Sirois stated. Much like most things this year, Nelson said, echoing Sirois' statement. "Nothing is off the table," he said.

Nelson said he anticipates further guidance from the state in the coming weeks to determine when in-person full-time learning is possible for all grades at Sippican School.

In budget news, the committee's budget subcommittee has acquiesced to the town's request to pare down the 3.5-percent increase in the school district's Fiscal Year 2022 budget. Smith said the district could

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reduce its budget down to a 2.4-percent increase without any significant detriment.

"We think the budget will allow us to still be able to provide what we need to the teachers," said Smith. "We're confident with what we've come up with at this time."

School Committee and budget subcommittee member Jody Dickerson said the school district, like all town and school departments all over Massachusetts, are facing the same budget conundrum. He added, though, that no cuts to staff are needed at this time.

"We're just being very conservative on the town's budget, and also the school administration is doing the same thing, as well, as fair and best as we can," he said.

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee will be on February 24 at 6:30 pm.

News Submission Policy

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OBITUARIES



Maryann T. Cutler, age 80, of Rochester, MA, passed away January 30, 2021 at her home. Born in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Maxwell and Fannie (Agovino) Haugg. The middle child of three, she was raised in the Bronx and attended Hunter College in New York City. On September 7, 1963, she married Kenneth "Kenn" Cutler of Abington, MA, who was an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard. After marrying, they moved into their home in Rochester, MA and over the next two decades moved many times before settling back in Rochester over 40 years ago.

Maryann's love and dedication to her family allowed Kenn a full military career, during which Maryann raised their four children. She handled the accounting for the family business and was a faithful parishioner and volunteer at St. Rose of Lima Church. In retirement, she loved to travel to visit friends and family, and also participate in her knitting and garden clubs. Maryann approached life with an open heart and welcomed so many friends into her family, whom she loved so dearly.

Maryann is survived by her children Lisa Gray, Charles Cutler, Michael Cutler, and Casey Cutler and his wife Wioleta; beloved grandchildren Evan Gray, Sage Cutler, Simon Cutler and Amelia Cutler; sister Helene Gerken and brother Donald Haugg; brother-in-law Robert S. Cutler and sister-in-law Rosemary Cutler; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends. She is predeceased by her husband Kenn.

Her Funeral Mass was held on Monday February 8, 2021 at Sts. Martha and Mary Church, Route 18, Lakeville. A private family burial was held at the Massachusetts National Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Sunday February 7, 2021 at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boys Town or Maryknoll. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Patricia M. Grogan, 82, of Westborough, passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2021. She was predeceased by her husband of 40 years, Francis J. Grogan.

Born in Mattapoisett, MA, she was the daughter of the late William F. and Ethel C. (Raymond) Merchant. Patricia graduated from Southborough High School and received an associates degree in business from Quinsigamond Community College.

Patricia was employed in the customer service department at Anderson Products prior to her retirement. She was also a member of the Steel Workers Union.

She was a member of the First Community Church in Southborough, volunteered at the Westborough Senior Center, and worked part-time as a receptionist at the Willows. She

enjoyed traveling to Ft. Lauderdale, golfing, and playing piano. Patricia had a lively sense of humor, celebrated any occasion with ice cream, and enjoyed painting and playing cards. Above all, she loved spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by three children, Christine (Tina) MacConnell and her husband, Jon, of Hopkinton, JoAnn Dwyer and her husband, Tom, of Westborough and Charlene Slocum and her husband, Brad, of Canton; six grandchildren, Jennifer Johnson and her husband, Andrew, Emily Dwyer, Sam MacConnell and his wife, Julie, Scott MacConnell, Bradford Slocum Jr. and Justin Slocum; one great-grandson, Zane Johnson; a step-daughter in law, Cheryl Kelley, many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased by a step-son James Kelley and her siblings, Carroll Chase, Robert Merchant and Raymond Merchant.

Patricia's family would like to thank the staff at Saint Vincent's PICU for all of their care and attentiveness.

A graveside service will be held privately with burial at St John's Cemetery in Worcester, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Westborough Council on Aging (Senior Center) (4 Rogers Road, Westborough, MA 01581).



Marcia A. (Wood) Wordell, 84, of Mattapoisett passed away Saturday February 6, 2021 after a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Charles W. Wordell, the original owner of Mac's Soda Bar in Fairhaven.

Born and raised in Fairhaven, the daughter of the late Robert E. Wood, Jr. and Beatrice (Hargraves) Wood, she lived in Mattapoisett for many years. She was a graduate of Fairhaven High School, Class of 1954, and Kinyon-Campbell Business School.

Mrs. Wordell was formerly employed as a secretary in the Guidance Office at Old Rochester Regional High School until her retirement.

Marcia was a very sociable person. She enjoyed watching sports and spending time at the Mattapoisett Town Beach.

She is survived by her four children, Debra L. Molloy, Cheryl A. Wordell, Charles W. Wordell, Jr., and Kristine S. Wordell-Quintal and her husband Mark; four grandchildren, Kara Paul, Hilary DuPont, Sarah Molloy, and Erin Molloy; and two great-grandchildren, Owen and Henry Paul.

She was the sister of the late Robert E. Wood, III.

Her Funeral Service and burial in Cushing Cemetery will be private. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Photographs of area events and newsmakers are also accepted and encouraged. The Wanderer accepts well-lit and clearly-defined photographs for publication provided that they include a brief summary of the event or subject. We cannot return photographs. Like news items, the deadline for photos is Monday at noon, and the publication of photographs is also subject to spacing constraints and cannot be guaranteed.

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Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

The menu for the week of February 15 – 19 is as follows:

OBITUARIES



On Saturday, January 30, 2021, **Leola N. Medina**, loving wife, and mother of four children and grandmother to five grandchildren, passed away peacefully at the age of 86.

Leola was born in Baker Brook, New Brunswick, Canada to Adelard and Emma (Baker) Nadeau. She came to Massachusetts to pursue her education.

Education was very important to her. She graduated from Wareham High School in 1952 and then St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in 1956. She went on to receive a B.A. in Nursing from Boston University in 1960 and became a member of the prestigious Sigma Theta Tau International Society of Nursing. She was a registered nurse until her retirement.

On December 22, 1956 she married Frederico R. Medina Jr. They raised three sons Frederico III, Darryl, and Karl, and a daughter, Shari in their home in Marion, MA.

She cherished her family most of all and enjoyed many birthdays, holidays, and graduations. She loved to visit the ocean and farms near her home. Over the years, she and Fred enjoyed traveling to Canada, California, Hawaii, Florida, and many other locations.

Leola had a passion for art and music. She also enjoyed bird watching and was known for her kind and compassionate spirit. She was an active docent with the New Bedford Whaling Museum and supported numerous charities.

She is survived by her husband Fred, and their four children, Frederico Medina III and his wife, Marina, Darryl Medina and his wife Sara Dickson, Shari Jankowski and her husband, James, Karl Medina as well as five grandchildren who called her "Nana"; Andrew Jankowski, Caroline Jankowski, Kendra Medina, Allison Medina, Max Medina, two brothers, a sister, and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

"The world changes from year to year, our lives from day to day, but the love and memory of you, shall never pass away."

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the South Coast Visiting Nurse Association, 200 Mill Road, Fairhaven, MA 02719. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Norman J. Shachoy of Mattapoisett died peacefully in his home surrounded by family on February 7, 2021. His life was filled with his great loves -- his wife and family, his work, and the sea. Norm and Maryellen (Sullivan) met as teenagers in Mattapoisett and recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They lived in and around

Boston for most of their lives except when Norm's work took them to London in the 70s. They spent all their summers on Buzzards Bay, in Mattapoisett and Marion, where they moved when Norm retired.

Norman attended Monsignor James Coyle High School in Taunton, MA and studied engineering at Villanova University. After completing his undergraduate degree, Villanova Law School offered him a full scholarship which changed the course of his life. After law school, Norm joined Bingham Dana & Gould in Boston where he practiced for 40 years. He advised many businesses, large and small, and represented major financial institutions, locally and internationally.

Maryellen introduced Norm to sailing on Buzzards Bay and it became his passion. His happiest times were spent on the water with family and friends. As a couple, they cruised from Canada to the Caribbean putting thousands of miles under their sloop, Volunteer. Racing to Bermuda eight times with family and friends as crew was his life's big adventure. Smoking cigars, drinking rum and swapping sea stories with his devoted crew brought him great joy.

Norman was predeceased by his parents Clifford and Mary and his brother, Paul. In addition to his wife Maryellen, he leaves his sisters Elaine Valovic of Hopkinton MA and Diane Trainor of Sebastian, FL; his son Jamey and wife, Laura Ryan, their children Katherine, Ben and Patrick; and his son Christopher and wife, Meredith Clark and their children Brooke, Reed and Conrad.

Norm's family is extremely grateful for the love and care he received at Bridges and from his incredible home caregivers who kept him smiling and comfortable at home. Donations in his honor can be made to UMass Law School, 333 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747. Funeral services will be private. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Jan 31-Feb 6

- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- Moorings Rd – Suspicious activity
- Village Dr – Health/welfare
- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Parkway Ln – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Sherman's Way – MV complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Stoney Run Ln – EMS/medical
- Vine St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Jenney Ln – EMS/medical
- Pine Hill Ln – Fire/haz mat
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Hermitage Rd - Trespassing
- Front St – Found property
- Field Stone Ln – Follow up
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – Lost property
- Mill St – Animal control/arrest
- Shawondasse Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – Lockout
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Family offense
- Mill St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Larceny/past
- Spring St – Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- Delano Rd – Office wanted

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan 31-Feb 6

- Park St – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Tallman St – Health/welfare
- I195 West – Assist other agency
- Ash Ter – Suspicious MV
- Old Rd to Pine Island – Assist citizen
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Medical assist
- County Rd – Property returned
- Fairhaven Rd – Animal control
- Randall Rd – Restraining order vacated
- River Bend Ln – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Beech Tree Ln – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Brant Beach Ave – Larceny/forgery
- Pine Island Rd – Suspicious MV
- Brandt Island Rd – Officer wanted
- County Rd – 911 call
- Field St – Assist other agency
- Long Plain Rd – Officer wanted
- Harbor HB Rd – Assist other agency
- Dexter Ln – Health/welfare
- Upland Way – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Maplewood St – Domestic disturbance
- County Rd – Intoxicated party
- I195 West – Assist other agency

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan 31-Feb 6

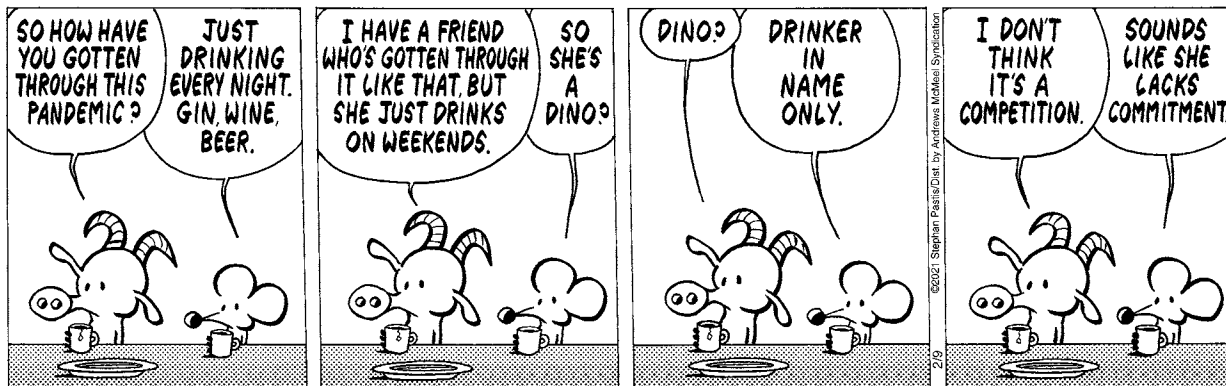
- Neck Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – MV collision
- Gerrish Rd – Well being check
- Bishop Rd – Well being check
- Hiller Rd – Missing person
- Hiller Rd – Follow up
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Cushman Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy - Medical
- Mattapoisett Rd - Medical
- Hathaway Pond Cir - Disturbance
- Pine St – 911 call
- Mattapoisett Rd – Animal control
- Clarke Ct – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Follow up
- North Ave – MV stop/arrest
- High St - Medical
- Benjamin Dr - Medical
- Dexter Ln – Assist other agency
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Gerrish Rd - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy - Disturbance
- Comstock Pl – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Negus Way – Investigation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Monday: No meals served – Presidents Day;
 Tuesday: Chicken Cordon Royale, garlic mashed potatoes, Malibu blend, dinner roll, pears;
 Wednesday: Seafood casserole, penne pasta, green beans, multigrain bread, strawberry cup;
 Thursday: Lemon chicken, Florentine rice, glazed carrots, oatmeal roll, fresh orange;
 Friday: Vegetable lasagna roll-up, tomato basil sauce, Genoa vegetable blend, dinner roll, peaches

Academic Achievement

A total of 1,453 students were named to College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year. The following Tri-Town students made the list: **Collin Fitzpatrick** of Marion, a member of the Class of 2022, majoring in Economics; **Danielle Nutter** of Mattapoisett, a member of the Class of 2024, majoring in Undeclared; **Anne Le Gassick** of Mattapoisett, a member of the Class of 2024, majoring in Undeclared.

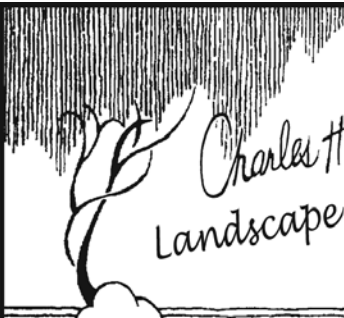
To qualify for the Dean's List, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The following local students were recently named to the Northeastern University's dean's list for the Fall semester, which ended in December 2020: Mattapoisett residents **Lily Youngberg**, majoring in architectural studies, and **Noah Greany**, majoring in cell and molecular biology.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

Sippican Historical Society

The Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series continues via Zoom this Thursday, **February 11**, at 7:00 pm when Caroline Bruzelius presents "The Fire at Notre-Dame in Paris: Consolidation, Repair, and New



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Knowledge." The fire at Notre-Dame on April 15, 2019, was a horrifying shock to all who know and love Paris. Although the cathedral was saved, its restoration is enormously complex and may take much longer than the five years promised by President Macron. Stabilizing the cathedral while removing the crumbling debris of the previous scaffolding presents extraordinary engineering challenges, a process still far from complete.

At the same time that the site is being cleared and consolidated, a remarkable group of enterprising scholars has united to study all aspects of the cathedral, from the origins of the wood and stone to structural aspects of medieval construction. Utilizing a wide range of new analytical technologies, the study of the cathedral promises to generate new knowledge and a new model of interdisciplinary and state-of-the art collaboration between experts in material science and historians.

Caroline Bruzelius is a scholar of medieval architecture and sculpture in Italy and France. She has published extensively on Gothic buildings and taught at Duke University from 1981 to 2018. She was the director of the American Academy in Rome from 1994 to 1998.

Contact Leslie Piper at info@sippicanhistoricalsociety.org to request the Zoom link for this fascinating presentation.

Sippican Historical Society is also currently presenting its winter exhibit: The Art of Helen Hiller Hills. Our winter exhibit highlights Helen's work in a variety of



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Arlene Fogarty snapped this great image of the snowfall at Shipyard Park.



Liz DiCarlo and Bev Baccelli still biking in Mattapoisett, eager for the bike trail to be completed. Photo courtesy Beverly Baccelli



Jack Eklund shared a picture of the sunrise on Tuesday.



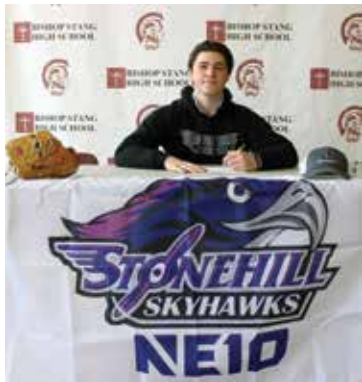
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media including oils, pen and ink, and pastels. We look forward to welcoming you. Winter museum hours are Thursdays 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, and Saturdays 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Brulport to Play NCAA Division II Baseball at Stonehill College

Bishop Stang Senior and left-handed pitcher **Max Brulport** of Rochester signed a Letter of Commitment at Bishop Stang High School, attended by his parents, Beth and Mark Brulport, along with coach Brian Rose and friends. This Fall, Max will play NCAA Division II baseball for the Stonehill College Skyhawks while studying Business Management and Marketing.



Max has dreamt of playing for Stonehill since his freshman year of high school when he heard stories about the program from his pitching coach, Tom Farmer, a previous Skyhawks coach. During his years at Stang, Max worked hard on himself and his game in order to reach that dream. When COVID-19 brought his hopes for a breakout junior scouting season



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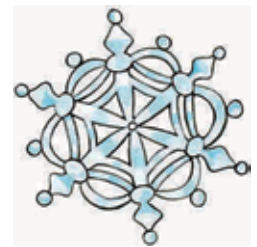
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MOVIE REVIEW

Street Scenes

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Bad Attitude: The Art of Spain Rodriguez. A documentary directed by Susan Stern. Running time: 71 minutes. No MPAA rating. Streaming at the Slamdance website starting February 12.

On a lot of levels, Les Daniels' 1971 book *Comix: A History of Comic Books in America* tweaked my ideas of what comics could be. Spain Rodriguez' anti-bourgeois underground comix hero Trashman was a particularly sharp tweak. Here, relatively early in my experience of superheroes, was an artist with the heart of a biker and the soul of a revolutionary who created an anti-hero, nonwhite to boot, that didn't care whether larger society approved of him. Down these mean streets a man must go, who is himself quite mean and tarnished but not afraid. Spain may not have been mean — one of his comics stories shows him hesitant to kick a biker adversary when he was down — but he was often the first to admit he was tarnished.

Directed by Spain's widow Susan Stern, *Bad Attitude: The Art of Spain Rodriguez* is a portrait of a man who didn't take well to being told what to do from the right or the left. Neither did most of Spain's contemporaries in the pages of the seminal *Zap* comic, such as R. Crumb, Victor Moscoso, or S. Clay Wilson. Many of the male underground artists weathered pointed criticism by feminist comix creators and/or historians (Trina Robbins, who is both, is interviewed here); of them all, Wilson, with his fixation on filthy outcasts and pirates hacking off limbs and genitals, was perhaps the most glaringly "problematic." So why did Rodriguez, whose depictions of women were relatively benign, take such heat? An unhappy reason begins to fade in: Rodriguez was the nonwhite guy in a collective of pale guys, and his work had a political consciousness that afflicted the comfortable without much bothering to comfort the afflicted.

Stern's film is about as neutral as it can be, spiced up with archival footage and copious examples of its subject's art. It doesn't come near Terry Zwigoff's masterpiece *Crumb*, though maybe only because Spain's life doesn't offer as much baroque family stuff to work with. In *Crumb*, you can see for yourself what skewed young Crumb's perception and drove him to get out. *Bad Attitude* gives us an artist who seems to have arrived fully formed. Like many of his generation, Spain grew up on the grotesque EC line of horror and crime comics in the '50s, and those fed his warts-and-all aesthetic as much as anything. Spain's comix are highly entertaining, especially his autobiographical biker stories, though I'm partial to his street scenes, masses of humanity moving through boxes of lights and buildings. It's hard to envision a Spain comic that doesn't have streets in it,



usually littered with junk and billboarded with actual ad art snipped out of magazines. The underground artists were all about drawing stuff you'd never seen in comics before, and that could mean perverse sex and it could also mean just the usual detritus you kick out of your way walking through the city, stuff you wouldn't see in *Superman* or *Fantastic Four*.

Either way, the artist was after a more authentic way of representing the world as he or she lived it, and that was certainly Spain's M.O. (Cancer finally took him in 2012 at age 72.) Spain may not have "gotten" feminism (but struggled to understand it and its evolution all his life), but the ladies all seemed to dig him. (A few, including Stern, pose holding a Spain drawing of their younger, more zaftig selves.) The movie assures us that Spain may not have been 100% enlightened on every progressive topic, but he wasn't unwilling to learn. His man-eating heroines like Big Bitch are essentially Wonder Woman filtered through Spain's wish-fulfillment of women as powerful, sexy icons.

Seeing your subject as more than human is, sadly, a kinder way of dehumanizing than seeing your subject as less than human. In both cases the subject isn't quite human. It's a common thread in art, but not, I would guess, out of any conscious hatred or need to deny humanity; the artist just naturally has a different take on what humanity is. The highlight of *Bad Attitude* focuses on one of Spain's slice-of-life anecdotes about the time he and some buddies set out to get pleased by a gay guy in the park and then beat him up. Spain just presents the story without comment — "this is what happened." In the story, titled "Dessert" and collected in the Fantagraphics Spain volume *My True Story*, Spain mostly stands apart from the abuse and witnesses it. Should he have intervened? Sure, but he didn't. He recounts it for us but doesn't tell us how to feel about it or about him. The last panel of the comic, though, shows the bloodied but unbowed gay guy saying "I can't wait to come back again next week." So the joke is on his abusers, who only got what was in his wallet but didn't take anything important, didn't stop him from further pursuit of illicit fun. That Spain not only gave the gay guy the last word but imagined a sympathetic way for him to flip the script makes Spain, I think, a great artist who was honest about the failings of humans but not nihilistic. Neither a good nor bad attitude, then — just realistic.

to a sudden halt, Max pivoted and used the downtime to improve physically and mentally. He worked on his arm and pitches, achieving fastballs in the low 80s, a strong curveball, and a developing changeup.

Marion Scholarship Committee

The Marion Scholarship Committee wishes to invite graduating seniors who reside in Marion and plan to attend college in the fall to apply for the Marion Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is funded by donations from very generous Marion residents. Amounts will vary depending on the funds received. Details on how to apply can be found at your high school guidance counselor's office.

If you are interested in donating to the Marion Scholarship Fund, you may mail your donations to the Scholarship Committee, Town of Marion, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738, attention Scholarship Fund. We truly appreciate any donation amount; no amount is too small. We are truly grateful to the residents who have supported the scholarship in the past and hope to support many more graduates with their college education.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Did you know that at one time, there was a piano factory in Rochester? In 1928, the Sunday Standard published an article on the F.T. Anderson and son, Piano Manufacturers located in the woods off Walnut Plain Road. Frederick Anderson began his journey to Rochester in Stockholm, Sweden. He left there in 1883 at the age of 22. He worked in the piano making industry for 41 years, working his way up to superintendent of the Vose Piano Factory in Boston. After 15 years, he moved to Buffalo, New York, and worked at Kurtzman's, and reached the job of superintendent again.

Frederick, his wife, and two sons had summered in Rochester for 16 years, so when he decided to retire, the family made it their permanent home. After a short period of relaxation, Frederick decided he wanted to be in charge of his own piano making company. Frederick and his son,

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Leon, who graduated from the High School of Commerce in Boston and then worked with his father, remodeled the barn on the property. When done, the barn was a large, open space with room for an airy and bright showroom, storage rooms, and workrooms. Here they began to create pianos, which sold almost as quickly as the work was done.

To manufacture them, the father and son needed "deft, capable fingers sensitive touch, ready minds, and thorough craftsmanship." They needed to be draftsmen as they designed their own charts and drawings of scale boards and the piano itself. They needed to be pattern makers as they made their own patterns. They also had to be cabinet makers as they built the frames and sections

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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm.</p> <p>***NOTE*** REMOTE MEETING ON 02/18/2021 WILL START AT 6:00 pm*** CONTINUANCE OF:</p> <p>Case #1457: Application of: Stephen E Goulsten, 46 Pammy's Path, North Easton, MA 02356; RE:27 Nashawena Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1.1.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to reconstruct a single-family home. The property is further described as Plot 15A, Lot 129 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Thursday, January 21, 2021.</p> <p>Due to restrictions on public gatherings because of COVID-19, this meeting will be held remotely, and members of the public will NOT be allowed to physically attend. To access the meeting please use the following log in information. ZOOM MEETING ID#----977 4615 6327 Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chairperson Mary Anne Brogan, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Anthony Tranfaglia 2/4, 2/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS</p> <p>The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Marion shall receive bids for the Hydrant Replacement project, Contract No. HYD-3, via parcel carrier (i.e. UPS/FedEx) at the physical address of the Department of Public Works (DPW) Office, located at the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, MA 02738, or via hand delivery at a drop box inside the first door at the WWTP main entrance, until 2 pm prevailing time, Thursday March 4, 2021, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids may be left in the drop box Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Bidders shall sign the sign-in sheet located on a table adjacent to the drop box to confirm the time the bid was hand-delivered. The bid opening will be video recorded and posted at the Town of Marion website under the "News" tab at http://www.marionma.gov/news.</p> <p>The Work of this Contract generally consists of furnishing and installing 3 replacement hydrants at locations in the Town of Marion: 361 Front Street, 639 Front Street, and 17 Dexter Road, including associated fittings, valves, appurtenances, trench paving, and site restoration, as required.</p> <p>Contract Documents may be obtained electronically through the Town of Marion by contacting Meghan Davis, Engineering Manager, at mdavis@marionma.gov.</p> <p>Bid security is not required under this</p>	<p>contract. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Materials Payment Bond in the amount of 50 percent of the contract price should the total contract amount exceed \$25,000.</p> <p>Complete instructions for filing bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders. The bidding and award of this Contract will be under the provisions of "Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30B, Section 5 (MGL C.30, S.39M)".</p> <p>Minimum wage rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Labor and Industries under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project.</p> <p>If the bidder views/obtains the plans and specifications from a source other than those noted in this Advertisement for Bids, the accuracy and/or completeness of the bid documents cannot be guaranteed and the bidder assumes the responsibility for obtaining any additional information regarding the project, including addenda, that may be required for bidding. Failure to acknowledge addenda issued during bidding shall designate a bid as non-responsive.</p> <p>A copy of this advertisement is available on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association (MNPA) website (http://masspublicnotices.org/).</p> <p>No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after the actual date of the opening of the General Bids.</p> <p>The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid, to waive any informality on bids received, to omit any item or items deemed advisable for the best interests of the Owner or to limit the extent of the Work to keep within the limits of available funds. 2/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1778), submitted by Michael Isabelle, to install a single story shed for pool equipment at 196 Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 13 on Marion Assessors' Map 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun P. Walsh, Chair *Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1779), submitted by Fikile Portia Ndlovu, for the construction of a single family dwelling in ac-</p>	<p>cordance with National Flood Insurance Standards within a FEMA Flood Zone AE16 at Wilson Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 24 on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun P. Walsh, Chair *Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:30 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (DEP File No. SE 041-xxxx) submitted by W. Dale Jones, for the review and confirmation of the wetland resource area (BVW) boundaries at a vacant lot of Register Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 154 on Assessors Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun P. Walsh, Chair *Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>To be held Remotely via Zoom: Meeting ID: 837 7042 2611; Password: 887162 Join the Online Meeting at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770422611 or Phone #: 1-646-558-8656</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:05 pm remotely via Zoom* to consider the request of 122 Register Rd., LLC. The application is for a Special Permit under Section 230-7.4.C of the Town of Marion Zoning By-Laws to allow a "Pier as an Accessory Use" to a single family dwelling. The property is located at 122 Register Road and is identified as Lots 1E, 121, 146, 147, on Marion Assessor's Map 2 and is located in a Residence C Zoning District. William W. Saltonstall Chairman Andrew M. Daniel, Vice-Chairman 2/11, 2/18</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 46</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p> </div>

that made up the pianos. Lastly, they were musicians as they listened to and created the proper tempo and tune.

It took three to four months to turn out a finished piano, and at any time, there would be several pianos in various stages of completion, and about two pianos would be ready for sale each week. In 1927 they sold 24 pianos that were transported to Middleboro by truck. Even without advertisement, their business grew, and in 1928 they were looking at hiring more workers and increasing their output. At any time in the showroom there would be upright and baby grand pianos, as well as one player piano built as an experiment but not for sale. It's fascinating to think about people in their parlors playing pianos not only made in America but also made here in Rochester.

Project 351 Alumni Leadership Council

Project 351, a Massachusetts nonprofit organization that fosters leadership and unity through service, announces that **Caitlin Collier** of Mattapoisett was selected to serve on the 2021 Alumni Leadership Council. Aimed at furthering leadership development and transformative impact through service, the ALC is composed of high school students who are Alumni of Project 351. Over a year's term, members gain the knowledge, skill, and agency to progress positive social change. The 2021 ALC formally kicked-off with a virtual leadership summit this past weekend.

The ALC's commitment to lead is motivated by its previous participation in Project 351. Founded in 2011, Project 351 each year engages eighth graders, known as Ambassadors, who represent each of the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns for a year of service and civic engagement. Since its founding, 3,753 eighth graders have participated. This year, Project 351 Ambassadors and Alumni will unite to surpass the significant milestone of having positively impacted one million people in Massachusetts through service.

"The ALC represents the best of Project 351's values-in-action," said Carolyn Casey, Project 351 founder and executive director. "Members are selected for their exemplary leadership and skill for mobilizing communities for positive change. With compassion and purpose, the ALC powers our youth-led movement for positive social change."

A virtual summit held at the end of January featured leadership skill development; trainings on mentorship and diversity, equity, and inclusion; and the Playbook Initiative, the Boston Celtics' anti-bias, anti-discrimination program. For the third year, Project 351 and the Boston Celtics will engage middle school students to build the knowledge and skill to lead as bridge builders and upstanders.

On **March 7**, the ALC will join Governor Charlie Baker for a virtual Launch Day celebration of the 2021 Ambassador Class. The annual launch was delayed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and kicks-off the

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11th year of Project 351's youth-led movement for positive social change.

Sippican Woman's Club Scholarship

Since 1947, the Sippican Woman's Club has awarded scholarships to Marion students. The scholarships are usually funded by proceeds from the Holiday House Tour but this year, due to the pandemic, it was funded by donations from various individuals.

Eligibility: Any Marion resident who is currently a high school senior and will attend an accredited college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree in the coming year.

Criteria: Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and community service.

Special Scholarships: The Lu Chevrier Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior with a particularly outstanding record of community service. The Alice Ryder Book Award is presented to the highest-ranking English student in the middle school graduating class.

This year's application forms can be downloaded in Adobe pdf or MSWord format from the website: sippicanwomansclub.org/scholarships. High school seniors must use APP-2021. Undergraduates applying for continuing support must use Re-APP-2021 and must have received a prior award.

'Staycation' Family Scavenger Hunt

The Mattapoisett Land Trust has created a few scavenger hunts for winter exploration. These scavenger hunts will introduce you to a few of the many Mattapoisett Land Trust properties and teach you a few unique things about each site. Look for the 'Staycation Scavenger Hunt' welcome sign on a property and have fun.

Scavenger Hunt Directions: Locate the property you plan to visit on the Mattapoisett Land Trust website www.mattlandtrust.org. Family Activities are in the menu on the left side of the page. There's only one more click to land you at Scavenger Hunts. Scroll through the listed properties for an overview of the property and directions.



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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER SURPLUS GOODS</p> <p>The Town of Rochester is now accepting bids for a walk-in cooler/freezer located at the Rochester Council on Aging. The structure has been dismantled and is currently sitting on pallets outside the building. All units are available and in good condition. The unit also comes with the 2 doors, and all mechanical equipment. (Condensers and Air handlers). The unit needs to be sold and removed in its entirety and not separate parts or sections, although the purchaser could decide to only use the cooler or the freezer if they wish. The unit needs to be picked up on site and removed. Please contact Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel (adaniel@townofrochester.com) with any questions to arrange for a viewing. Bids will be accepted until Friday, February 19th, 2021 at 11 am in a sealed envelope. Bid opening will be conducted via Zoom on Friday, February 19th, 2021 at Noon.</p> <p>Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The entire unit is 10 feet deep by 14 feet wide. * The freezer and the Cooler are both 10 feet deep by 7 feet wide * The height of the unit is 7ft 7inches * The unit is made up of individual panels and connects together with the use of cams and minimal tools needed. * The condensers and air handlers are both in good working order. The compressor pump and the temperature controls for the cooler are only a few years old. <p>Zoom Information: Topic: COA Freezer Bid Opening Time: Feb 19, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88449056240 Meeting ID: 884 4905 6240 One tap mobile +13126266799,,88449056240# US (Chicago) +16468769923,,88449056240# US (New York) Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) Meeting ID: 884 4905 6240 Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88449056240</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held Remotely via Zoom: Meeting ID: 837 7042 2611; Password: 887162 Join the Online Meeting at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770422611 or Phone #: 1-646-558-8656</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday March 1, 2021 at 7:15 pm remotely via Zoom* to consider the request of Sherman E. Briggs and Hamblin Homes, Inc. to conduct a Major Site Plan Review under Section 230 – 9.1 of the Marion Zoning Bylaw and grant a Special Permit under Sections 230 – 5.3, 230 – 8.12, 230 – 8.12 L., 230 – 7.1, 230 – 7.2 of the Marion Zoning Bylaw to construct a Multi-family development with 28 Townhouse style units on 3.55 acres.</p> <p>The property is located at Spring Street near the intersection of Spring Street and Mill Street and is identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Map 24 Lots 36A, 37, 37A and 38 in the Resi-</p>	<p>dence E zoning district. William W. Saltonstall, Chairman Andrew M. Daniel, Vice-Chairman 2/11, 2/18 * If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you to identify your name and address for the record. Topic: Planning Board</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held Remotely via Zoom: Meeting ID: 837 7042 2611; Password: 887162 Join the Online Meeting at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770422611 or Phone #: 1-646-558-8656</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:25 pm remotely via Zoom* to consider the request of Tabor Academy. The application is for a Special Permit c/o Field Engineering Co., Inc. to allow the reduction in parking from 74-spaces to 50-spaces.</p> <p>The property is located at 85 Spring Street and is further identified on Marion Assessor's map as Map 14, Lot 6 located in the Residence C Zoning District. Andrew M. Daniel, Vice-Chairman Eileen J. Marum, Clerk 2/11, 2/18 * If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you to identify your name and address for the record. Topic: Planning Board</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING An Open Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm regarding a Notice of Intent Application submitted by William H. Saunders. This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to perform maintenance and improvements to the existing paved parking lot and stormwater management system, work will occur partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.</p> <p>The property is located at 50 County Road which further identified as Lot #58C on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #9.</p> <p>Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING An Open Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm regarding a Notice of Intent Application submitted by Matthew Considine & Alex Monreal. This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.</p> <p>The Applicants propose landscape improvements in the rear of the property which</p>	<p>include tree removal, filling and grading, the installation an earth berm, plantings and fences. The work will be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Inland Bank of an Intermittent Stream.</p> <p>The property is located at 20 North Street which further identified as Lot #68 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #9. Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Historic District Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom regarding an application received from Plumb Corner, LLC at 2854 Cranberry Hwy, E. Wareham, MA 02538 for property located at 0 Rounseville Rd., Rochester MA, further identified on Assessor's Map 30, Lots 24, 25b, and 25c. This is the beginning of a project to build an age 55 and older development which will consist of a clubhouse as well as 22 duplex buildings which will total 44 units. This will be all new construction and the work is to be done in three phases.</p> <p>The initial meeting will only be for a permanent sign, 2 duplexes (4 housing units), and a clubhouse, however, as the project continues through multiple phases, additional meetings of the commission will review the remaining parts of the project.</p> <p>The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Building Department at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during business hours and also electronically upon request from the Building Department.</p> <p>To join the Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89685334300 Meeting ID: 896 8533 4300 One tap mobile (646) 876-9923 Matthew Monteiro, Vice Chairman and Clerk 2/11, 2/18</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Armand Cortellesso of Brandt Point Builders LLC, 150 Beachwood Drive, Warwick, RI 02818. The proposed project is to construct a single family dwelling with associated grading and infrastructure (driveway, underground utilities, etc.) within the 100 ft. buffer to bordering vegetated wetlands. The project is located at Lot 16 Nantucket Drive, and is further identified as Lot 106.16 on Assessor Map 13.</p> <p>**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/11</p>

Each property has a list of items to find— print the list to take with you. When you find an item on the list, check it off. You may document your individual finds with photos. Please take a picture of you and your family somewhere on the property to prove you made it there and that you found everything. Following your visit, you can post your favorite pictures on your Instagram account using the hashtag #MLTscavengerhunt and tag @mattapoissettlandtrust. Facebook users can post pictures and comments on the www.facebook.com/mattlandtrust page. You may also email your photos to MLT via mattlandtrust@gmail.com, and we will post them for you.

Mattapoissett Library February Young Adult Programming

STEAM Projects To-Go brings a new project for February! STEAM Projects To-Go are created for busy teens, grades 6 to 12, who still want to engage with library programming and their community. This month's project will explore paper engineering – the branch of engineering that deals with the use of physical science and life sciences in combination with mathematics to convert raw materials into useful paper products and co-products. The project will be to create a paper structure that can hold weight. Further, it will inspire teens to take it one step further with a list of extension projects.

Each Steam Project To-Go includes supplies needed for the project, instructions, information about the theme, a library book related to the theme, and ideas for more projects. If you are interested in getting a STEAM to-go project, register at the library's website (mattapoissettlibrary.org) on the calendar, or by calling the library. You can register at any time between now and **February 28**. Once you have registered, you will be contacted to arrange pick up (library card required). If there are no spots left, please register for the waiting list.

This month, the library is also continuing to offer Dungeons and Dragons on Zoom! Recommended for patrons ages 12 and up. New players are always welcome. Join us on Saturday, **February 20**, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm as we unravel the mysteries haunting the landscape of River's Corner. If you are interested in signing up for both or one of those dates, visit our website (mattapoissettlibrary.org) or call the library for more information.

Please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or call the library. All programs are free and open to the public.

Mattapoissett Congregational Church

Mattapoissett Congregational Church, UCC, continues to post weekly worship services on its website and broadcast services through ORCTV.

All are invited to view the services at mattapoissettcongregationalchurch.org, under the "videos" pull-down menu. There you will find recorded

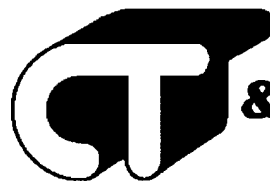
services that include scripture, music, prayer, and a brief reflection. A new service is broadcast on ORCTV at 8:00 am on Sunday morning and then rebroadcast at 11:00 am on Wednesday.

Government guidelines and space restrictions for safe gathering prompted church leaders to discontinue in-person worship when the pandemic began. Until late autumn, the church held in-person services outdoors. Now, all services are back online. Please visit the church's website for all the latest information and find us on Facebook.

Marion Town Election Nomination Papers

Nomination papers are available and may be obtained by contacting the Marion Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502, magauran@marionma.gov, or by making an appointment. The deadline to submit the signed nomination papers will be Monday **March 22**, by 5:00 pm. With the new restrictions and difficulties arising as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have outlined some guidelines and suggestions below to help candidates navigate the collection of signatures. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Open Positions for the May 14, 2021 Election:
Board of Assessors (one seat); Marion School Committee (two seats); Board of Health (one seat); Open Space Acquisition Commission (one seat); Board of Selectmen (one seat); Planning Board (two seats).



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Trillian White and Piper Newell, both age 10 Mattapoisett residents, made a snow chicken during Sunday's snowstorm. Photo courtesy Chrystal Walsh



Rochester Memorial School held their first day of full, in-school attendance for Grades K-2 last week. Photos courtesy Erin O. Bednarczyk



The Town of Marion held a very successful COVID-19 vaccine clinic for residents 85 and over. Photo courtesy Donna M. Hemphill



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Suggestions for Obtaining Signatures:

- Candidates may mail/email individual nomination papers to people and ask them to print and sign them and mail them back. Each signer may have their own nomination paper form.
- Candidates may set up a table at a post office (or other public place) and include fresh pens, gloves, and sanitizer.
- Some candidates are announcing the locations of supporters who have covered porches and letting people drop by to sign. Candidates may set specific hours to sign, so their nomination papers don't stay unsupervised for long hours.
- Candidates may advertise designated signing areas/times through social media or mail.
- All signatures must be in ink; there are no electronic signatures allowed.
- There are no extended deadlines approved by the Massachusetts State Elections Division for the obtaining of nomination signatures.
- The number of signatures required remains the same (20 VERIFIED registered voter signatures).

MAC announces new ArtStart Director, Seeks Counselors, Teachers

The Marion Art Center is pleased to welcome Benares Angeley as its 2021 ArtStart Director. ArtStart is the MAC's summer art program for children age 4.5 – 9, offered in late June through July. Angeley has been working with children in creative art endeavors for more than 20 years. She is the founder and director of Children's Art Lab, a creative, process-based mobile art studio that brings art to children and families through the SouthCoast region. Angeley teaches pre-K through 8th grade art and music at St. Francis Xavier School in Acushnet while operating Art Lab through



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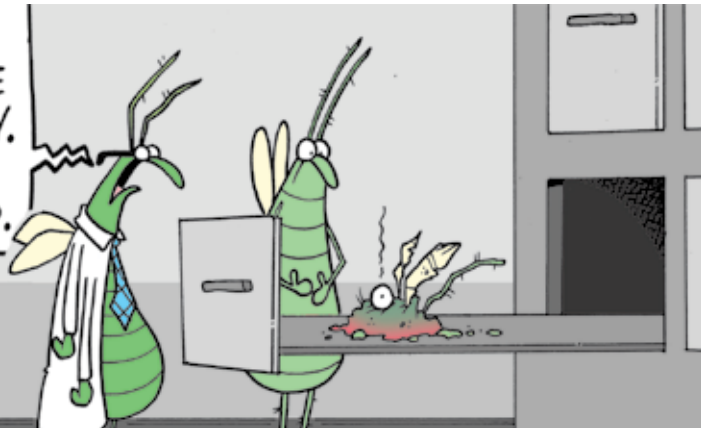
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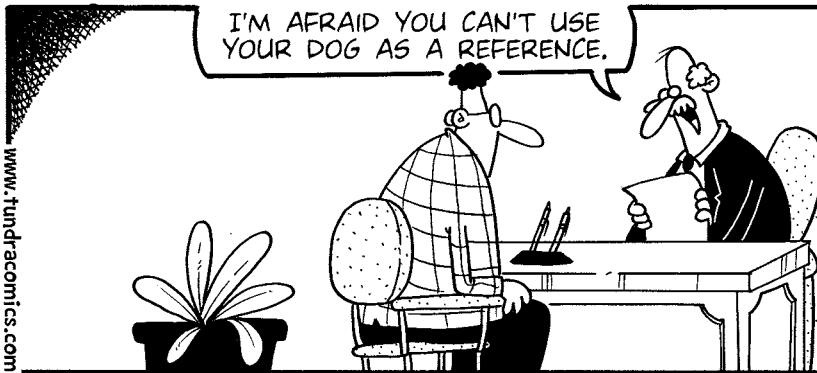
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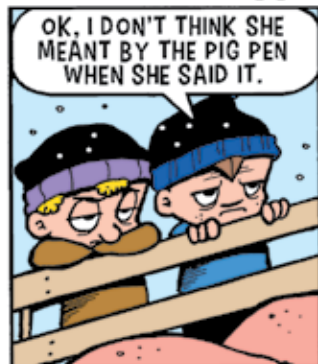
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several venues. Angeley has run many Art Lab programs at the Marion Art Center and has contributed to the MAC's virtual programming, as well as other community partnerships such as the grassroots organization Tri-Town Against Racism. She received her Master of Fine Arts in Fibers from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in 2005 and is currently working toward obtaining her Masters in Elementary Education through Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts.

The Marion Art Center is currently accepting applications for ArtStart 2021 counselors and program teachers for artmaking and theater. Camp runs for five weeks this year, from June 28 – July 30, and children attend camp Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm daily. Counselors may be hired for some or all camp weeks, while applicants for teaching positions should be available for all five weeks. All camp employees will work under the direction of ArtStart Director Benares Angeley. The MAC aims to fill six counselor and two teacher positions by early- to mid-April. Interviews for all positions will begin in March. All positions are part-time (roughly 20 hours per week), and some additional time may be required outside of advertised camp hours. All staff will be expected to follow state recommended safety guidelines. Employees should present a willingness for flexibility and improvisation if program changes are necessary. As a member of the MAC team, one is expected to maintain a positive, professional attitude, value diversity, and contribute to an atmosphere of respect, encouragement, and open communication.

Camp counselors should have experience working with young children. Those who wish to apply for a counselor position may request an application by emailing info@marionartcenter.org (with "ArtStart Employment" in the subject line), by calling the MAC at 508-748-1266, or by inquiring in person during gallery hours (Thursday – Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm) at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion. ArtStart teachers will work closely with the ArtStart director to plan weekly curriculum under various camp themes. Teachers will be responsible for running daily camp activities in their specific fields and should be comfortable working with children of various ages and abilities in groups of up to 13 kids at a time. Interested applicants should send a PDF with cover letter indicating field of interest, resume, and a list of three references with phone numbers and email addresses to info@marionartcenter.org with "ArtStart teacher" in the subject line. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received, and candidates will be contacted if selected for an interview.

For more information on ArtStart, visit us online at marionartcenter.org/artstart.

ArtStart Registration Opens in February

The Marion Art Center is pleased to announce the return of ArtStart in 2021. ArtStart is the MAC's summer art program for children age 4.5 – 9 years, offered in late

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June through July. ArtStart teachers are specialists in music, dance, theater, and art, and most teach throughout the year and are professionals in their fields. Activities include arts and crafts, theater, music, games, and storytelling. The MAC is working hard to reimagine its summer camp this year to align with state-recommended safety guidelines, with lots of new fun activities. Camp runs weekly, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm daily. MAC members (at Family level or above) have access to early registration and receive a significant discount on ArtStart tuition. Cost per weekly session is \$215 for MAC members and \$240 for nonmembers.

The 2021 ArtStart schedule is as follows: Session 1: June 28 – July 2; Session 2: July 5 – 9; Session 3: July 12 – 16; Session 4: July 19 – 23; Session 5: July 26 – 30. Registration opened for MAC members (in person and by phone or email only) on Friday, **February 5**. Registration for nonmembers will open on Friday, **February 12**. Online registration will go live on **February 26**. Due to very limited capacity, ArtStart fees are nonrefundable unless camp is cancelled. Visit us online to find out more information about ArtStart 2021 at marionartcenter.org/artstart.

Tri-County Symphonic Band presents Soloists for Scholarships

The Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, will present a program entitled "Soloists for Scholarships" on Sunday, **February 14**, at 3:00 pm. The concert will be a virtual live-stream, free-of-charge event, and can be viewed on ORCTV (Comcast Channel 9, or Verizon Channel 36). You can also pick up the free live-stream on the Tri-County Symphonic Band Facebook page (facebook.com/TriCountySymphonicBand) or the ORCTV Facebook page (facebook.com/orctv).

Soloists who have appeared with the band are highlighted in this concert. Among these amazing soloists is alto saxophonist Marcus Monteiro. Born and raised in Marion and educated in the Old Rochester Regional Schools prior to earning his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Massachusetts, Monteiro has gone

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30 Weasel's kin
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33 Appropriate underwear in a law court?
35 Gemini, e.g.
37 Unwanted plant growth
38 "Oh, sure!"
39 Neckwear making people unable to move?
44 ICU tubes
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50 Royal flush card
51 A Marx brother
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57 Toadstool-shaped headwear?
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64 Actress Perlman
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71 Tooth filler
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80 Do a tally of
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94 Castle trench
96 ERA or RBI
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14 Singer — Marie
15 "Rum Punch" novelist
16 "Yeah, makes sense"
17 Nick of film
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39 Scots' toppers
40 Many Apples

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52 Stock up on
55 As is fitting
56 Grabs the attention of suddenly
57 Cut to bits
58 Counteract
59 Buckeye State sch.
61 A bit drunk
63 Plaintiff
66 Regretted deeply
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) St. Valentine's Day magic rules the entire week for romantic Rams and Ewes. Music, which is the food of love, is also strong. The weekend offers news both unexpected and anticipated.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor the arts -- which the Divine Bovine loves, loves, loves. Also, for those looking for romantic love, Cupid is available for requests. After all, his mother, Venus, rules your sign. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Loving commitments continue to grow stronger. Ditto budding relationships. A recent move to help start-up a new career-linked direction soon could begin to show signs of progress.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Single Moon Children might be eager to take that proverbial chance on love. But your more serious side will feel better if you take things slowly and give your moonstruck self more time.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a love fest for Leos and Leonas this week. Paired Cats might expect to be purr-fectly in sync. And with matchmaking friends, single Simbas searching for romance shouldn't have too far to look.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) More understanding on both sides can work miracles in restoring ailing relationships to health. Make the first move, and you'll be closer to your much-wanted reunion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Accept the fact that you are worthy of being loved, and you'll find proof in what is revealed to you over the course of the week. Also accept a compliment offered with great sincerity.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Planning to take a new direction in life is exciting. And so is a new awareness of someone's special affection. Expect a slow and mostly steady development of the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you might still feel you weren't treated quite right in a recent matter, all that will work out in time. Meanwhile, enjoy the week's special qualities and potentials.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Deciding not to give up on a troubling romantic situation helps start the healing process. Expect to find some valuable insight into yourself as things move along.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The week is filled with positive potentials, but it's up to you to make the right choices. The advice of someone who truly cares for you and your well-being can be priceless.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to make yourself available to possibilities of the romantic kind. Already paired? Good. In that case, be sure to reassure that special person of your feelings.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your generosity gladdens the hearts of others, and you bask in their joy.

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on to high musical achievements. Called a “force to be reckoned with” by basketball great Shaquille O’Neal, Monteiro is living up to this accolade. He has appeared in jazz festivals throughout the world, as well as the United States. His album, “Another Part of Me,” recorded in 2017, has been played frequently on radio stations in Boston and the Southcoast. Monteiro continues to live with his wife and son in Marion, where he teaches musicians of all ages. Marcus Monteiro loves to spread his artistry around Southcoast Massachusetts, and his fame as an up and coming international jazz artist continues to grow rapidly.

In addition to great jazz masterpieces by Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk, and Duke Ellington, featuring Monteiro as soloist, the concert will also display the virtuosity of Venezuelan trombonist Angel Subero playing the “Concerto for Bass Trombone” by Elizabeth Raum and trumpet soloist Joseph Foley playing the “Trumpet Concerto in E-flat” by Johann Hummel.

For more detailed information, please visit tricountysymphonicband.org.

Project Grow Application For 2021-2022 Open Online

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For More information, please visit the Early Childhood Page at www.oldrochester.org. Each Project GROW class is held at the elementary school of the town the family resides in. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from school each day.

Call for Entries:

High School Student Art Show

The Marion Art Center announces a call for entries for its upcoming exhibit featuring work by local high school students. The show is part of the MAC’s Young Artist Program. Any student of high school age may submit up to five pieces for consideration. The MAC exhibition committee will review all works and select at

least one piece from each applicant. Students may submit work made in school, but the MAC encourages students to make new work— and priority will be given to those works— responding to the following theme: Life in 2021: What Comes Next?

Everyone has experienced challenges throughout the past year, some more so than others. Our lives have been upheaved in a way we could never have imagined due to the coronavirus pandemic. Many of us have also been affected by the turmoil surrounding race, identity, and politics. The way we interact with others is vastly different than it used to be, and our understanding of the world and our future is in a constant state of flux. Whether we have been changed emotionally or if important life plans have stalled, we all find ourselves in a different state of being.

What comes next? What does your life look like after the pandemic is behind us? Are there moments you wish to reflect on? What experiences, which can be simple but meaningful, are you eager to enjoy again? What do you look forward to when you think of your daily life in the relatively near, post-pandemic future?

All submissions are due no later than Monday, **February 15**. To apply, students should email their information and documents to info@marionartcenter.org with “High School Art Show” in the subject line. Please include: Full name, email address, phone number, age, and grade. You may send up to five high-quality jpeg images labeled in the following format: LastFirst01_Title (ex: SmithJohn03_HarborView). Note: If emailing multiple images is limited by file size, applicants should send a zip file. Alternatively, students may upload all documents through an online form found at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

Please include a short bio and brief artist statement of no more than a few paragraphs (or short statements about individual pieces/body of work submitted). Also include a corresponding image list with titles, dates, media, dimensions in inches, and pricing (if applicable).

Students should indicate what, if any, work was made for a specific class assignment. Students should list works for sale by including pricing with inventory list or indicate not for sale by writing “NFS.” The MAC retains a 40-percent commission on any sold works. Bio/statement and image list should be uploaded through the form as a single PDF file. If sending information via email, a single Word document will also be accepted.

The exhibit runs Friday, **March 5** – Thursday, **April 15**. All works must be prepared for installation. The MAC will accept matted works for this show if framing is not an option. Students should use a neutral mat color (white, off-white, grey, black, etc.) for a cohesive presentation. Three-dimensional works will also be accepted. The exhibition committee will review and select works, and artists will be notified by **February 20**. Drop-off dates for work are scheduled Friday, **February 26**, and

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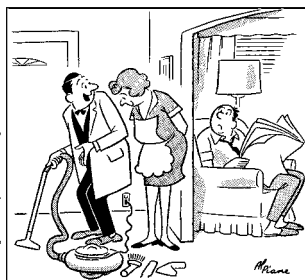
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Saturday, **February 27**, by appointment. There will be a virtual reception for the exhibit, date and time TBD.

Mattapoissett Woman's Club Scholarship

Mattapoissett Woman's Club is pleased to offer two \$2,000 scholarship awards to Mattapoissett residents who are high school seniors graduating June 2021.

In addition, there will be a \$1,000 scholarship granted to a Mattapoissett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of a post secondary degree. Please go to the website (listed below) for further information or to obtain the application for this scholarship.

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fundraising events to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. In offering these scholarships, the club supports educational leadership and helps to support the community that has partnered with the club in its fundraising efforts.

For high school seniors, the scholarship application will be available in the guidance offices of Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Tabor Academy, Bristol County Agricultural High School, and by emailing info@mattapoissettwomensclub.org for those not attending the above schools.

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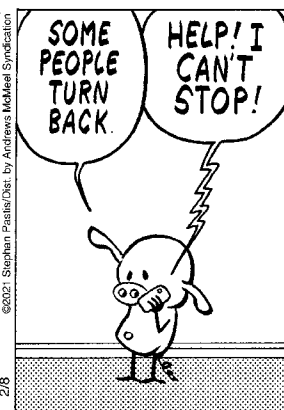
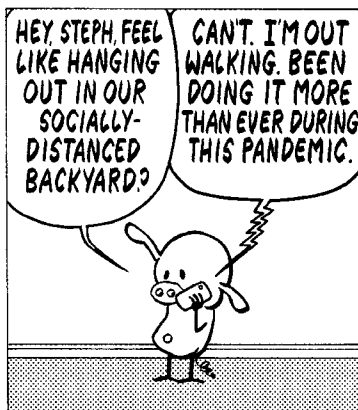
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Mattapoisett Library 2021 Quahog Reading Program Goes Virtual

Mattapoisett Free Public Library's Annual Quahog Award Program for children in third to sixth grade is virtual this year for the safety of our children and families. Teachers, students, and parents can log their children into our new Beanstack Book Logging Program and participate. As students read and track their books, they will receive prizes, activity and craft kits, and invitations to Zoom programs, which include virtual BINGO and a dance party. Finally, all participants who complete the program receive a prize and are entered into a final drawing for gift cards to Barnes & Noble.

For more information about this program, plus the link to register online, visit our website at mattapoisettlibrary.org/ and see the Quahog Awards Program webpage under the Children and Families section.

Mattapoisett Library DIY Craft Kit for Adults

Using our new database, Creativebug, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library has fashioned a craft kit to help you realize "you're more creative than you think." Just in time for Valentine's Day, learn how to use yarn to wrap wire that is shaped into the word LOVE. Log in to Creativebug to watch how it's done and get tips to create more words on your own. Courtney Cerruti teaches this great yet simple class, which is also suitable for teens. We put all the supplies you'll need in a bag; all you'll need at home is a glue gun and glue sticks. Instructions are attached to the kit for accessing the video tutorial on Creativebug. Kits are available now until they are gone.

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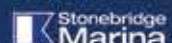
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Focused Historic Survey of Marion's Portuguese and Cape Verdean Communities

The Marion Historical Commission is pleased to announce that Claire Dempsey and Jennifer Doherty have been selected as historic preservation consultants for continuation of the Focused Historic Survey of Marion's Portuguese and Cape Verdean Communities. Work has begun as part of efforts to expand and update Marion's Inventory of Historic Assets, initially completed in 1998, in order to make it more accessible, more easily usable, and fully compliant with present-day state standards.

The project is funded by Community Preservation Act funds awarded by the Town to the Historical Commission in 2020 and will be carried out over the next four months.

Claire Dempsey is familiar with Marion history. In 2019, she completed a Survey Plan, which made recommendations for completing a full survey of Marion's historic and cultural resources. For this project, she and her co-consultant, Doherty, will expand research done in 2020 on the Portuguese and Cape Verdean Communities. The work focuses on sections of Point Road both north and south of Wareham Road, and on sections of Mill Street near Gifford's Corner.

The consultants are interested in talking with local residents who have knowledge, personal history, or old photographs to share about the formation and development of the Portuguese and Cape Verdean neighborhoods of Marion. If you can help, please contact Meg Steinberg, Marion Historical Commission, bmjb@comcast.net.

The Marion Historical Commission is delighted that this project is now underway. The results will benefit individual property owners interested in the history of their homes and give the broader community an understanding of local development and culture. It will also be a useful planning tool available to local boards to ensure development decisions are in keeping with goals for preservation of the town's historic resources.

'Bikes for All' Kicks off Call for Donations

We are thrilled that the long-awaited Mattapoisett Rail Trail connection to Depot Street is opening this spring. To celebrate, MATTREC and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreational Path (the Friends) have teamed up to ensure that every Mattapoisett resident/family has an opportunity to fully enjoy it. This new initiative is called Bikes for All. We are asking for donations of gently used bicycles, to be given to any town resident of any age who needs a bike. Children's sizes with training wheels to adult 26-inch bikes— all sizes can be donated or exchanged.

The Friends are working closely with our town officials to build a safe and welcoming bike path. Many

of us are also walkers and runners and are excited that this spectacular new mile of the bike path will connect Mattapoisett village to Fairhaven center and beyond.

So, take a look in the corners of your garage and basement... Is there a bike that is no longer being used by your family, or a child's bike that has been outgrown? If so, dust it off and call Jane at MATTREC at 508-758-4548 for pickup.

In this era of increased demand, higher prices, and waiting lists for new bicycles, recycling well cared for bikes here in Mattapoisett is one way to make the Mattapoisett Rail Trail accessible to all!

If you would like to make a donation for the Friends to purchase or repair bicycles, please feel free to send it to: Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, P.O. Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Please note that your contribution is for "Bikes for All."

The Friends is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, so contributions to the Friends for Bikes for Kids are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. The Friends will apply 100 percent of contributions toward the bicycles.

Contacts: Jane Finnerty, 508-758-4548, jane.mattrail@gmail.com; Liz DiCarlo, 508-942-9343, lizdicarlo@comcast.net. Visit the website at mattapoisetttrail.org.

From Russia with Love for Valentine's Weekend

The South Coast Chamber Music Series presents "From Russia with Love," virtually. What better way to celebrate winter than with a troika of Russian beauties? Shostakovich hits a playfully tart bullseye with his first "String Quartet" (1938), composed after the huge success of his Fifth Symphony reinstated the composer in official favor. Rachmaninoff's beloved "Vocalise," arranged for viola and piano, weaves its melancholy magic, after which the "C Minor Piano Trio" by Rimsky-Korsakov brings our Russian ride to a fittingly colorful end.

The musicians performing in this concert are principal chairs of the NBSO Jesse Holstein (violin), EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks (violin), Anna Griffis (viola), Leo Eguchi (cello), and SCCMS Artistic Director Janice Weber (piano).

The concert release date is Saturday, **February 13**, 4:00 pm, and ticket purchasers can watch the concert any time (and as many times as) they like for 30 days. Tickets are \$20 per household and available at nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2020-2021/. All ticketed patrons will receive an email on the day of the concert containing instructions and a private link for access on YouTube.

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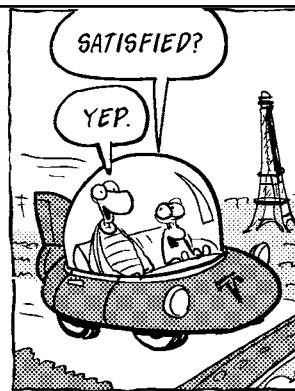
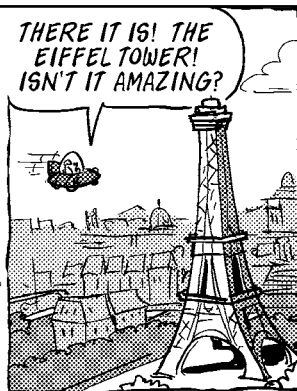
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Visitors not needing any special assistance can now visit the Osprey Marsh accessible boardwalk any day of the week without a reservation. Please be mindful if boardwalk is temporarily closed for those visitors requesting one of the abovementioned special appointments.

Sippican Lands Trust introduced its popular reservation system on June 4 to keep visitors safe during the pandemic and has modified the reservation system over the past few months to safely accommodate visitors at Osprey Marsh.

SLT's Osprey Marsh is located on Point Road in Marion. The accessible boardwalk project builds on the generous donation by members of the Smoyer/Howland family of the 20-acre Osprey Marsh property of forest and marshland on Planting Island Cove. The project has been designed to minimize environmental impact and to maximize accessibility for infants in strollers, older adults, and persons with mobility impairments, including those in wheelchairs. The accessible boardwalk starts at the Osprey Marsh parking area and passes through maritime forest, wetlands, and fragile salt marsh habitat to a viewing platform overlooking Planting Island Cove.

Numerous SLT donors, members, and friends have stepped up to support this project, including a \$38,000

grant from the Town of Marion's Community Preservation Commission for project design and permitting. The boardwalk was designed by Peter Jensen and built by local contractors, W.S. Bradford and Sherman Briggs.

Sippican Lands Trust continues to seek donations from the public to support the long-term maintenance of this boardwalk. More information about the project and how to support it can be found at sippicanlandstrust.org/2017/10/osprey-marsh-boardwalk-project/.

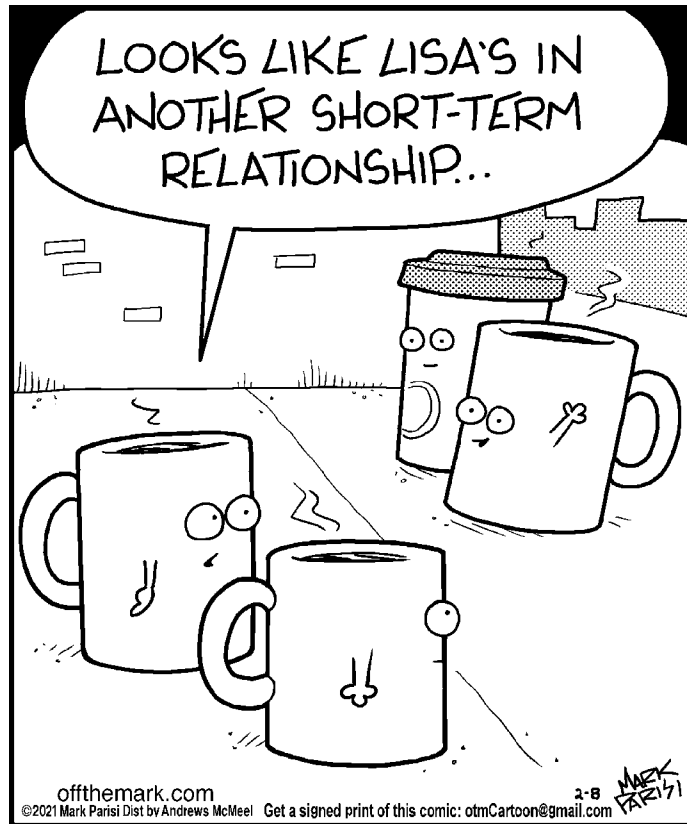
Mattapoisett Library STEAM Projects To-Go

STEAM Projects To-Go brings a new project for January! STEAM Projects To-Go are created for busy teens grades 6 to 12 who still want to engage with library programming and their community. This month's project will explore matter— anything that has mass and takes up space (or has volume). The project will be to fish for ice using ice, string, and salt. Further, it will inspire teens to take it one step further with a list of extension projects.

Each Steam Project To-Go includes supplies needed for the project, instructions, information about the theme, a library book related to the theme, and ideas for more projects. If you are interested in getting a STEAM to go project, register at the library's website, mattapoisettlibrary.org, on the calendar, or by calling the library. Once you have registered, you will be contacted to arrange pickup (library card required). If there are no spots left, please register for the waiting list.

Please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or call the library for more information. All programs are free and open to the public.

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Friday	February 12	8:21	8:40	1:38	2:24
Saturday	February 13	9:03	9:23	2:20	2:51
Sunday	February 14	9:44	10:05	3:00	3:20
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Thursday	February 18	12:09	12:30	5:46	5:44
Friday	February 19	12:51	1:14	6:48	6:36
Saturday	February 20	1:35	2:04	8:15	7:39
Sunday	February 21	2:28	3:03	9:37	8:48
Monday	February 22	3:33	4:09	10:34	9:53
Tuesday	February 23	4:39	5:06	11:19	10:48
Wednesday	February 24	5:32	5:55	11:59	11:37
Thursday	February 25	6:18	6:41		12:38
Friday	February 26	7:01	7:25	12:24	1:15
Saturday	February 27	7:45	8:09	1:11	1:52
Sunday	February 28	8:29	8:55	1:58	2:28

Phases of the Moon	New Moon	February 11th
	First Quarter	February 19th
	Full Moon	February 27th
	Last Quarter	March 6th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the February 4, 2021 edition the Aardvark was on page 22!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

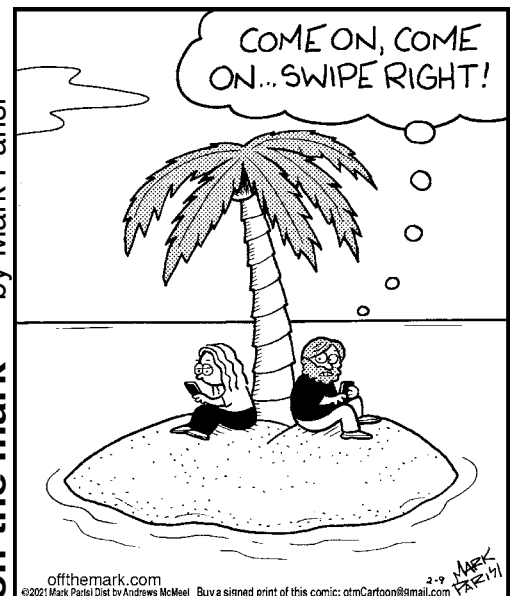
1. Hearty
2. Basic;
3. Bundle;
4. Advise

Today's Word
HUSBAND

Sudoku Answer

8	3	9	7	6	1	4	2	5
2	6	1	3	4	5	7	8	9
5	7	4	8	9	2	1	6	3
3	1	6	4	5	7	8	9	2
7	2	5	1	8	9	3	4	6
9	4	8	2	3	6	5	1	7
1	5	2	9	7	4	6	3	8
6	9	3	5	1	8	2	7	4
4	8	7	6	2	3	9	5	1

by Mark Parisi
off the mark





at PLUMB CORNER

SALE EFFECTIVE:
Friday, February 12 – Thursday, February 18, 2021
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Open Daily: 7am–8pm

Grocery, Dairy, Frozen & Bakery

Poland Spring
Half Liter Bottles
24 Pack
Water
\$4.99



Half Liter Bottles, 8 Pack Selected
Poland Spring Sparkling Water..... **2/\$6**
6 oz. Selected
Annie's Pasta & Cheese..... **3/\$5**
24 oz. Selected (Excludes Organics)
Newman's Own Pasta Sauce..... **2/\$5**
16 oz. 4 Pack Selected
Dole Fruit Bowls..... **2/\$6**
12-16 oz. Selected
Newman's Own Salad Dressing..... **2/\$7**
18 oz. Original Family Size
General Mills Cheerios..... **\$3.99**

Fresh Baked
24 oz. Pkg.
Blueberry Pie
\$4.99
13.7 oz. Selected
Nabisco Ritz Crackers..... **2/\$6**
32 oz. Selected Organic (Excludes Greek)
Stonyfield Yogurt..... **2/\$7**
32 oz. Selected Frozen Yogurt or
Gifford's Ice Cream..... **\$4.99**
10 oz. Antibiotic Free
Willow Tree Chicken Pie.... **\$3.99**

Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

Friends'
Premium Black Angus
Boneless, New York
Top Sirloin
Steak
\$6.99
lb.



Boar's Head
Imported
Swiss Cheese..... **\$8.99**
lb.
Allen's
Rotisserie
Chicken..... **\$8.99**
ea.



Bell & Evans
Fresh
Whole
Chicken
\$2.99
lb.



Dear friends & customers,
To stay posted on the latest information about store hours,
product availability or to simply receive a cheerful update
to brighten your day, we have created a new



Facebook page for the store!

Please "Like" and "Follow"...

Friends Marketplace–Plumb Corner

Please email your order with your phone number to
Plumb@FriendsMarketplace.net for

Curbside Pickup

We are here for you and are honored to serve you
during this unprecedented time.

– The Friends' Marketplace at Plumb Corner Team

Wine & Beer

All Beer is
Plus Deposit

1.5 Liter, France, Rosé
La Vieille Ferme Wine **\$14.99**
750 ml California, Pinot Noir
Hob Nob Wine **\$9.99**

We have an awesome selection of fresh,
cold Craft Beer from:
Lawson's • Fiddlehead • Mayflower • Harpoon
Cisco Brewing • & many more!

We have over 75
varieties of wine
(& more coming)
that are only
3/\$15 or \$5.99 ea.
Mix & Match wines
from California,
France, Italy,
Argentina, Chile, &
Australia!

Cheese & Spreads

16 oz. Pkg. Selected
Cedar's
Hommus **\$2.99**

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!

Check our new selections of
**Local & Craft Beer,
Cider & Wine!**

- Safety Guidelines**
- Face covering required at all times in the store
 - Limit trips (buy more at once)
 - Only 1 shopper per household when possible
 - Keep a safe social distance



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♥ Blockbuster Savings! ♥

Friends'
Premium Black Angus
Spoon
Roast
\$6⁹⁹
lb.



Boar's Head
London Broil
Roast
Beef
\$13⁹⁹
lb.



Betty Crocker
18.3-19.9 oz. Selected
(Excludes Delights)
Brownie Mix
2/\$4



Chobani
5.3 oz. Selected
Greek
Yogurt
5/\$5



Corona or
Corona Light
12 oz. Cans/Bottles
12 Pack
\$17⁹⁹



Bread & Butter
750 ml California
Chardonnay
Wine
\$13⁹⁹



Superior Quality Produce



1 lb. Pkg. Strawberries	\$3⁹⁹
3 lb. Bag Honeycrisp Apples	\$1⁹⁹
3 lb. Bag Clementines	\$4⁹⁹
Crisp Broccoli Crowns	\$1⁶⁹ lb.
Pint Grape Tomatoes	2/\$5
Ripe Organic Bananas	89¢ lb.

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